

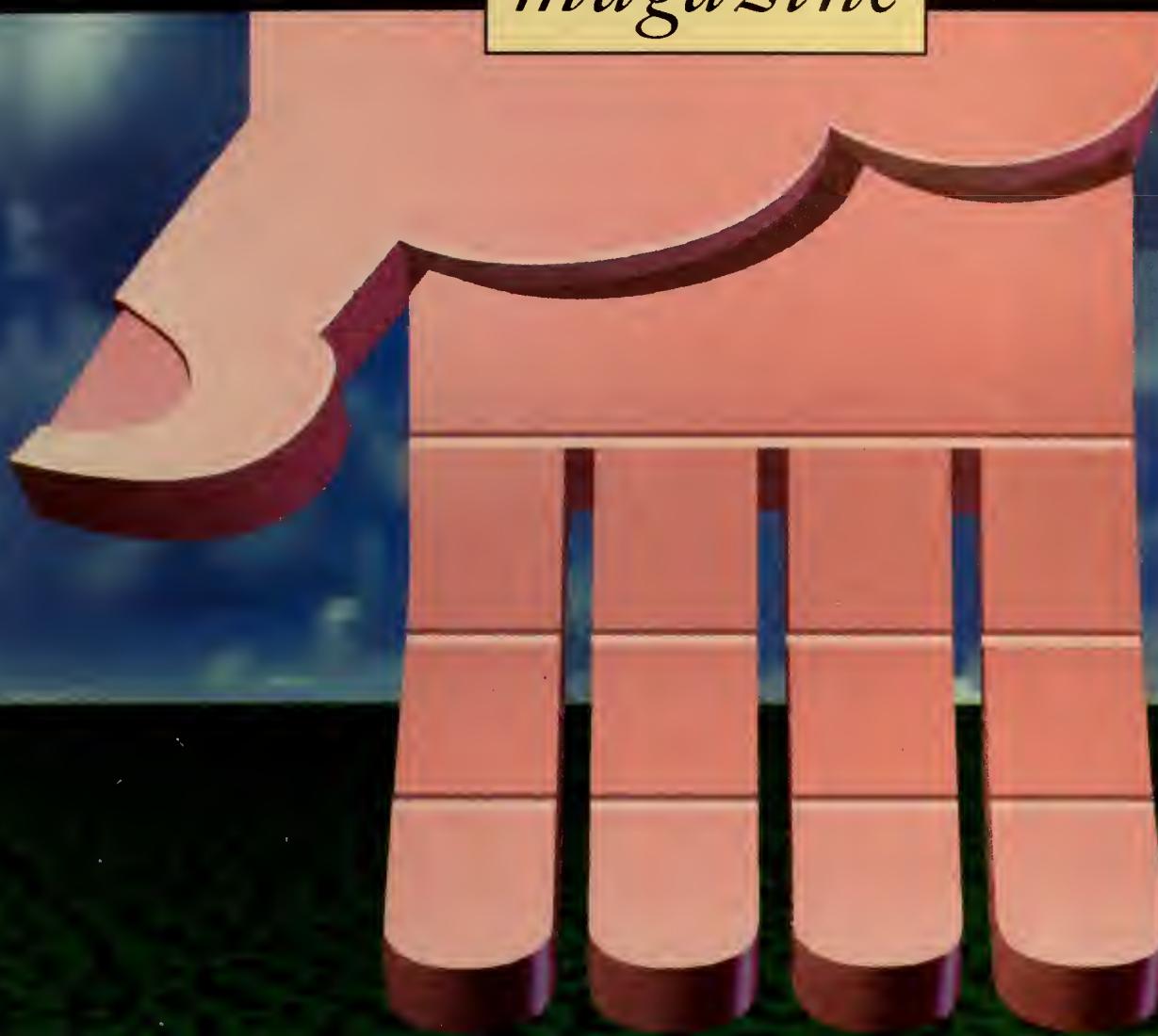
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PROLOGUE

Inner space

. . . Earth's the right place for love;
I don't know where it's likely to go better.

Robert Frost

While rummaging in a cool library on a hot afternoon in the middle of the 1970s, I happened upon a copy of *Esquire* magazine dating from the time of the *Apollo 11* flight. "What does it mean that man has walked on the moon?" the editors had asked a platoon of lesser gods. I seem to recall that John Updike's response was a luminous gem of an essay and that Norman Mailer's was fractious; but I remember Pablo Picasso's answer. It was: "Nothing. It means nothing to me."

That I should remember this all these years later is not so remarkable as it might at first seem. For one thing, I was a freelance writer at the time and mightily intrigued by the possibility that Picasso received the same major-market fee for the six words he spit out the side of his mouth as Updike got for his finely wrought 1,000. For another, I agreed with the painter. In fact, I've had a disinterest problem with space that dates back to Buck Rogers and that was not relieved by John Glenn, Stanley Kubrick, Leonard Nimoy or *Apollo 11* itself, during whose flight I was occupied with trying to walk across Scotland. And so I have no contemporaneous memory of Armstrong's step, but I do remember the sunlight glinting on the eyeglasses of the young Londoner who stopped for me north of Edinburgh, just the other side of the bridge, and drove me into the Highlands, and along the way told the story of his marriage, which had ended the previous day when his wife flew off to Tehran with an Iranian diplomat and the young Londoner got into his car and

began to drive.

Don't take me wrong. I have nothing (much) against Carl Sagan's artless optimism or children who go to astronaut camp. I don't gaze at NASA's launch gantries and see a capitalist repudiation of Mother Earth. I even have a sneaking affection for Tang and for Houston (though I sometimes do wonder how perceptions of space travel would change if we heard astronauts say, "We've got a problem, Brooklyn").

Being disinterested in space travel is like being disinterested in baseball, Sunday comics or crabgrass—evidence of a mild patriotic insufficiency.

But my outer-space difficulty is more elemental. Ronald Weber, in a wonderful little book called *Seeing Earth*, put it very well: in space exploration, "catastrophe is the only surprise." The rest is all binary-coded, and that just doesn't pull my canoe around the bend.

In the American years I've inhabited, being disinterested in space travel has been like being disinterested in baseball, Sunday comics or crabgrass—evidence of a mild patriotic insufficiency. Our national instinct to range is strong. We are, after all, the people of Boone, Lewis, Clark, Huck, Earhart and Kerouac. We are not the people of Picasso or of Hannah Arendt, who in the aftermath of *Sputnik* wrote that the farther man will travel from earth, the more dependent he will be on things he's made, and so "the less likely [he is] ever to meet anything but himself."

What's the point of travel, she's ask-

ing, if you can never leave the Intensive Care Unit strapped to the rocket? Thoreau, though a big-time American, said pretty much the same thing: "Of what consequence though our planet explode, if there is no character involved in the explosion?"

And so we come to explosions freighted with character, and the day we studied the twisting contrails in the Florida sky, looking for signs. But there was no reading that smoke, and none of us, except in horrified imagination, could yet see what NASA's cameras saw: the crew module's almost invisible descent, slowly spinning, showing now its white tiles and then its black.

How the seven died, and whether they were conscious of their fate could not be determined from study of the wreckage. Four emergency air packs were found, of which three had been activated, probably in the seconds after the shuttle came apart, probably in a desperate but futile effort to compensate for the loss of cabin pressure.

One of the three belonged to pilot Michael Smith, and because of the location of Smith's activation switch at the rear of his seat, Admiral Richard Truly, a NASA administrator, has said that he believes the air supply was activated not by Smith, but by Judith Resnik or Ellison Onizuka, who were seated behind the pilot. Whether this happened or not, or whose hand reached out, no one can tell. It seems, however, the most compelling and memorable thing I know, and believe I will ever know, about space exploration.

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SECRETS OF SUCCESS

Eleven years ago I graduated fourth in my high-school class of 500; four years later I graduated summa cum laude from BC. Today I am a stay-at-home mom to three precious children who need me more than any career ever could. Yet according to the interview with Karen Arnold, ["Unkept promise," Q&A, Winter 1996], my maternal instinct to stay by my little ones is an unfortunate "limitation," which has impeded my "success." Modern feminists and the politically correct often admonish America to "put the children first!" Perhaps they mean first to day care.

LEILA MILLER '89
Phoenix, Arizona

Karen Arnold states that "... a study of Nobel laureates found that they earned their doctorates at a select group of universities and that, while in school, a disproportionate number of them had had Nobel winners as mentors." If I might be permitted to let everyone in on a secret, having Nobel winners as professors does not make Ph.D. students more likely to win Nobel prizes. They were already more likely to get Nobels because of ability and thereby ended up in schools with more Nobel winners. That is what merit is about.

ROBERT BRUEN PH.D.'95
Cambridge, Massachusetts

FAMINE READINGS

The material about the potato famine ["Bitter harvest," Winter 1996] and the letters from James Prendergast to his children in America ["Bloodlines"] were heartrending. I recall as a boy in the 1930s listening to my

father read letters from his parents in Italy. They were remarkably similar to those Mr. Prendergast wrote. The words, language and country may have been different, but the thoughts, the love, the sense of loss and the pathos were the same.

VITO F. TAMBOLI '56
St. Louis, Missouri

I have read and reread with interest and admiration the splendid pieces in your Winter 1996 issue. They combine Professor Kevin Whelan's strong historical perspective with the richly human touch of James Prendergast's letters. And the exchange between professors Kevin O'Neill and Ruth-Ann Harris provided explanations and answers to questions that have simmered in the minds of millions of the progeny of Irish emigrants.

JOSEPH B. C. WHITE
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My pain grows with each repetition of the English government's rationalization of the Great Starvation Genocide of 1845-48,

which it has managed to pass off as a potato famine with the help of publications like yours. In 1845-48 Ireland produced enough food to feed the population several times over. The only reason millions of people starved was that the English shipped food out of Ireland under the protective guns of the English Army of Occupation.

ALFRED E. REILLY '52
Waltham, Massachusetts

Errata: A small item titled "Hooray for Hollywood" in Linden Lane in the Winter 1996 issue contained a feature story's worth of errors. "Dennis" Yanno, the part-time member of the CSOM faculty who wrote a screenplay called "No Safe Haven," is in fact Drew Yanno; the screenplay is his third, not second; and his unnamed collaborator is a BC graduate, Tony Borghi '79.

BCM welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and may be edited for style, clarity and length. Our e-mail address is bcm@hermes.bc.edu.

A TEST OF METAL

We are pleased to announce that *BCM* has won five awards in the 1995-96 national competition sponsored by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). For overall excellence, it won a silver medal, placing *BCM* among the nation's top seven university magazines. It received a gold medal for staff writing by editor Ben Birnbaum, senior editor Charlotte Bruce Harvey and associate editor Bruce Morgan; and a bronze in the theme-issue competition, for the Winter 1996 stories on the Irish famine. In the judging of individual articles, Harvey's "Lasting marriages" (Fall 1995) took a silver, and "Native son" (Summer 1995) by David Plante '61, won a bronze. Additionally, Birnbaum's Prague column received the first-place award for editorial series from the Educational Press Association of America.

The editors



LINDEN LANE



A FINE FRENZY

Bards and wanna-bes stand and deliver at the BC Poetry Slam

Not everybody likes the stuff. "My students know three things about poetry," says English instructor Susan Roberts. "They know it rhymes, they know it has meter and they know they hate it."

Michelle Kelly '98, was well aware of poetry's image problem when the undergraduate English Association, whose program committee she chairs, co-sponsored the second BC Poetry Slam on a snowy night last February. (BC's first slam had been held in the fall.)

"We were nervous when we were going around putting up posters for the event," Kelly says, "because when you say 'poetry,' everyone thinks it means being dressed in black, sitting in a coffeehouse. We tried to emphasize the performance aspect, and I think that drew more

people." At the appointed hour the McElroy Café—basically a Dunkin' Donuts shop with a sideline in Friendly's ice cream—was packed with more than 100 students hungry for the well-dropped line. Host Jay Verzosa '95, kicked things off by standing and delivering a dry, elegant poem by Elizabeth Bishop: "The art of losing isn't hard to master; so many things seem filled with the intent to be lost that their loss is no disaster," it began.

The evening had two components: first, a more or less conventional college poetry reading in which seven or eight poets shuttled up to the mike trailing murmurs of encouragement. After that came the drama: the head-to-head contest of the slam. Most of the poets were BC students, but the crowd included some recent

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graduates as well as a couple of grizzled 50-something veterans of the local slam circuit. The mix of poems was wildly unpredictable. Sue Roberts, the sole BC faculty member present, read an easygoing poem about growing up in Barre, Vermont, which ended with a reference to Dante. "My students are all going, 'Huh, what's that?'" she said, laughing, as she sat down to general applause.

Everyone was kindly treated. A curly-haired young man snarled a quick Dylan-esque poem out of the side of his mouth; it was all about spasms. "Wow," breathed one woman afterward. He retreated a hero. In contrast, a shy young woman edged toward the mike and confessed that this was her first poetry reading. "Be nice," she entreated the crowd and read a few romantic jottings from her diary. They were as raw as onions. Susan Allspaw '94, was considerably more polished; a former *Stylus* editor, she is bound for Arizona State to pursue a master's degree in writing. She held forth with a taut series of dispatches from equatorial Africa.

Next up was veteran slammer Michael Brown, a professor at Mount Ida College and co-host of weekly slams at a local club. Brown rose abruptly from his seat and began ranting like a madman in a bus station. He slowly made his way about the room, gesturing with his arms and dipping his head periodically to snatch another line from the well of memory, in the process forcing people to twist in their seats to follow him.

Brown's poem rolled on and on. Was he telling an offhand personal story or confiding in us or just joking around or giving us a taste of suavely controlled poetry? The effect, combined with the clanking of Dunkin' Donuts employees in the background, was charismatic and musical.

Such informal, rollicking performances are the hallmark of poetry slams. Roberts describes the change from traditional poetry readings as a difference in decorum. At old-style readings, people sit as though in chapel. At poetry slams, she says, "you can shout 'All right!' if you want." Most academics sniff at poetry slams, though: "Slams are thought of as lowbrow, plebeian," she says.

Entertainment is the goal. Street-corner rhythm and rhyme rippled through most of the evening's poems. Some were grave and others wistful, but humor was the chime that rang again and again. A feeling of playful abundance pervaded—both abundant emotion and abundant ways of expressing emotion—which deviated markedly from the terse poetic norm. Roberts sees slams as a means of restoring poetry to "its rightful place" in the jostle of the world. Slams are now regularly staged events in all major U.S. cities, with the national annual competition drawing as many as 5,000 passionate fans.

After the open reading, the official competition of the slam got under way. Competitors, who had signed up in advance, included BC seniors Dustin Rawlin, Sean Whitson and Andrew Chandler; sophomores Matthew Clark and Donald Smith; and freshmen Alex Gulla and Cat Rotchford. Jack McCarthy, a postal worker who began writing poetry 20 years ago and now performs regularly at slams, was also on hand. Each entrant read one poem. A panel of three student judges then held up numerical rankings, Olympics-style: 7.2, 8.5, 7.0. After a series of elimination rounds, McCarthy and Smith stood alone.

The two finalists couldn't have been more dissimilar.

Donald Smith, a slim African-American student, wore a loose-fitting athletic jersey. He looked apprehensive as he approached the mike, and his three roommates egged him on the whole way. At first he seemed intimidated by the throng, but his baritone delivery was silky and assured, whether describing the lineaments of his love for his girlfriend or the struggles of inner-city life. Each time he returned to his seat after a round at the mike, his roommates hooted and slapped his hand.

Jack McCarthy was a more seasoned poet with an astonishing range of arrows in his quiver. His subject matter and tone skipped from the horror of the Tienanmen Square massacre to a fond memory of his four-year-old daughter propped on a sofa with a book. McCarthy had a thespian's flair. During a buoyant poem about the glamour of listening to Boston radio as a teenager in the '50s, he sang fragments of songs aloud. "My daughter [Kathleen McCarthy '96] begged me not to do this," he told the crowd. A quieter highlight of his performance was a long comic ramble evoking a recent drive to hear cowboy poets read. As deftly timed as a minuet, it ended with the poet's head humbly bowed.

The slam was a tie to the last decimal. McCarthy and Smith split the \$50 prize. When the slam finished at 10:30 p.m., the audience had been listening hard for two-and-a-half hours.

It was then that *Boston Globe* columnist Patricia Smith arrived, apologizing for her tardiness. A past national slam champion, she was one of the evening's featured poets, but she'd been delayed at work. Undaunted by the hour or the darkened café, the remaining slammers dragged chairs into McElroy's lobby and settled in.

Bruce Morgan



They're number one—Coach Syd Fadner with blade masters John Peltonen '96, and Keun Ok '96.

SWORD PLAY

BC makes its point for the second year running

Basketball may have been the major feel-good sports story on the Heights this winter, but it was by no means the only one. On February 25, at the University of New Hampshire, BC's men's fencing team took its second consecutive New England championship, outdueling a field that included such elite programs as MIT's and Brown's.

Foil fencer John Peltonen '96, is typical of the BC swordsmen: the sum total of his precollege fencing experience consisted of a few lessons back home in Goffstown, New Hampshire. Still, this winter he finished ninth in the New England competition and 10th in the U.S. regional contest—coming within a sword's point of being the first Eagle fencer to qualify for the national tournament.

Excelling despite inexperience seems to be the team's modus operandi. Only one

member of the squad had lifted a foil, saber or épée in high-school competition. Coach Syd Fadner recruits by word of mouth, and fencers are consigned to odd practice spaces, such as the RecPlex tennis courts. Although the sport has its graybeards (Brown's program just celebrated its 100th anniversary), BC fencing has a spotty history: the original varsity program—started in 1929—faded away in 1946 and resurfaced in 1991, when some enthusiasts from a two-year-old campus club approached Fadner at the Boston Fencing Academy and asked her to coach them.

That group's first foray into the New England championships produced a fifth-place finish for the men and a sixth-place for the women. "Each year we raised the bar a little, worked a little bit harder," Fadner says. "We purposely put some very tough teams on our schedule."

The lessons have taken. Four

years ago the men's and women's teams sent one qualified fencer to the U.S. regionals; this season they sent 15.

An aspiring computer programmer with a mop of blond hair, Peltonen attributes the team's rise to coaching and a strong esprit de corps. Fadner, a former national championship qualifier in saber, may have done her best psych job this year. The overall competition was tougher, and as defending champ, BC was a marked team. "Syd kept us focused," Peltonen says.

Because most of the top men fencers are graduating, focus alone will not do the trick next year. The women's team, however, features a returning lineup that lost 10 matches at the New England championships by one touch—the difference between sixth and first place. The unlikely dynasty looks likely to continue.

John Ombelets

HOT TICKET

For the second consecutive year BC has received more than 16,000 applications for the 2,200 seats in the freshman class. At 16,500, this year's total is just shy of the record 16,680 set last year. Enrollment Management Dean Bob Lay said that a new challenge is "to convince the students—for whom we are competing with some of the nation's most prestigious institutions—of BC's greater value." That push this year included telephone calls to all 6,500 admitted students, as well as a newsletter and campus open houses.

COPING NICELY

The American Chemical Society has presented Vanderslice Professor of Chemistry T. Ross Kelly with the Arthur C. Cope Scholar Award for superior teaching and research. Given to no more than 10 chemists each year, the award includes a \$25,000 grant. "Every one of his papers is characterized by a high order of creativity and individuality," a colleague told *Chemical and Engineering News*. Kelly was the first to synthesize the anticancer agent *fredericamycin A*. More recently, he created a molecular "brake," an innovation with implications for atomic-scale machines.

PHYSICS HEAD NAMED

Kevin Bedell (left) has joined the Physics Department as chairman, concluding a two-year search. Bedell, 47, arrived in January from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, where he led a research group. He is expected to upgrade research, grants and graduate study in the department, which was recently allotted two new junior-faculty positions.

Boston tea party

A memoir of my father

BY ROBERT B. HALLORAN '56

On the corner of Stuart and Berkeley streets in Boston is an architecturally undistinguished office building that for most of this century was known simply as the Salada Tea Building.

In the years before Salada moved its operations to the suburbs, chests of tea from India and Africa and Ceylon were transported to the tea building by motor freight from Boston Harbor. The tea was unloaded at the Stuart Street entrance, but the work of blending and packaging the tea took place upstairs, the tea moving ever upward on a Rube Goldberg-like contraption toward the top floor. It was quite an achievement—raw materials turned into a packaged product under one roof.

Before all this could transpire, though, someone had to select the teas, and that was my father's job. Every morn-

ing, with the sunlight coming through the plate-glass windows on the Stuart Street side of the building, my father and his assistant sampled at least 100 cups of tea. Their job was to determine which teas Salada should buy and in what proportions they should be blended. My father worked at a glass-topped mahogany table with a broad shelf on which tins of loose tea and fine bone-china cups were arranged, each tin labeled by origin and date. The cups had no handles, for they might cast a shadow, and my father needed to assess a tea's color and body as well as its flavor.

A formidable woman attendant, in a starched white uniform and hair net, provided boiling water from two large silver kettles. When the water came to a boil, she immediately poured it on the tea, for if water boiled too

long, it would release its oxygen, producing a flat-tasting tea. Her other job was to maintain the proximity of a tall, highly polished brass spittoon because tasters never swallowed tea samples.

While my father proceeded down the table, he eliminated unworthy teas and kept those he wished to taste again. For every 30 or 40 cups he sampled, he chose perhaps half a dozen teas for purchase.

As a child, particularly in the summer or on school holidays, I found it a treat to watch the tea experts at work. I was fascinated by the knowing nod my father gave while he swished the tea around in his mouth and by the noisy draft of air and tea as he expelled it into the spittoon. Imagine grown men being paid to do something for which a child would be punished!

Outside on the sidewalk, people stopped to view the tastings. Occasionally my father glanced up and noticed a celebrity watching him work. When he spotted, for example, New York City mayor Jimmy Walker, my father asked the starched attendant to go outside and invite him in for



Tea time—John Halloran entertains stage actress Patricia Morrison, far left, and an unidentified starlet. Top right, he offers a cup to '50s radio and television personalities Ed and Pegeen Fitzgerald.

a private cup of tea. How could he resist—particularly on a frigid, windy day?

Inside the building's enormous cast-bronze door was an enormous foyer with tapestries, Chinese urns and Buddhas of sufficient height to dwarf the tallest human being. Visitors were led through this foyer to what I thought of as the English room, a book-lined drawing room with an oak-paneled ceiling and walls. An overstuffed leather sofa and chairs stood on thick Oriental rugs. Trays of English biscuits and crackers materialized along with fruit and cheese (it was in this room that I was introduced to stilton) and some special teas not available on store shelves. The attendant took a photograph or two of my father sipping tea with the visiting dignitary, and sometimes the picture appeared later in the *Boston Post* with a caption—something along the lines of “Alfred Drake opens in ‘Kismet’ and meets Mr. Tea.”

My father sent some of these pictures to the luminaries requesting their autographs. He also sent photographs he had autographed himself. My brothers and I were aghast. We fantasized about visiting Babe Ruth and finding on his mantel a photograph of the Babe and our father, inscribed “To the Sultan of Swat from the Titan of Tea!”

Many of my father’s tea-party celebrities were actors and actresses, in Boston for pre-Broadway runs. The stroll from Tremont Street must have provided a pleasant interlude for them. It certainly gave my father something to talk about at the dinner table. “Guess who came by today?” he might ask, to which we boys would reply, “Charlemagne?” “Moses?”—any historical figure we might have been studying in school. Usually he would ignore our puerility and comment to my mother how pleasant it was visiting with, for example, Jimmy Cagney. My father’s list of political visitors was endless. And sports notables seemed to drop by for tea regularly—Bobby Riggs, Bill Tilden, Lou Gehrig, Jack Dempsey, Joe Louis. The only big name to decline an invitation was Charles Lindbergh. Maybe he preferred coffee.

When my father died in 1982, we uncovered boxes of photographs, as well as letters of appreciation that my father had filed neatly in chronological order. There was a shot of Lou Gehrig out-Cooping Gary, followed by another of two double-breasted dappers—Mayor Jimmy Walker and my father. Most memorable, though, was the image of Babe Ruth towering over my father on the leather sofa—the delicate teacups and crumpets absurdly juxtaposed with the tweed cap perched on Ruth’s substantial head.

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STAR BRIGHT

Jessie Saul, a senior physics and math major, was named to the USA Today 1996 All-USA College Academic Honorable Mention Team, made up of 80 U.S. undergraduates cited for academic and extracurricular excellence. A Minnesota native, Saul is in the A&S Honors Program and is the second BC student in three years to be cited by USA Today.

HEROES

Four members of the BC Police Department have been honored for saving the life of Carol Bianco, mother of Michael Bianco ’97, last May. Sergeant John Derick and patrol officers Brian Eng, Walter Hill and Joey Maranon resuscitated Bianco after she had had a heart attack while helping her son move from his dorm room. “Mrs. Bianco was dead at the scene, but the officers never gave up,” said Police Chief Robert Morse, who added that Bianco is “well today and is looking forward to seeing her son graduate in 1997.”

BUDGET RATIFIED

The Board of Trustees has approved a \$355.7-million budget for the 1997 fiscal year, which begins June 1. Included in the budget are \$54 million in institutional financial aid and a new \$2-million academic-enhancement fund. The budget is supported by an average 4.7-percent increase in tuition, fees and room-and-board charges, the smallest such increase in more than 20 years. Beginning in September the average total undergraduate charge will be \$27,313, including tuition and fees of \$19,298.

PAIN AND GAIN

SOE Associate Dean

Mary Walsh has received the Alpha Sigma Nu National Jesuit Book Award for her 1993 book *Moving to Nowhere: Children's Stories of Homelessness* (Auburn House). The volume was chosen from among 23 books entered in the national competition sponsored by Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit University Honor Society. The book provides 20 accounts of homelessness through interviews with children.

"This was the most painful research I have ever done," Walsh says.

SOE RULES

BC's graduate programs in education are among the nation's top 15, according to new rankings by US News & World Report. SOE advanced from number 16 in last year's rankings to number 14 this year. BC and Harvard, which ranked first, are the only institutions in the top 25 from New England. US News judged programs based on student selectivity, faculty quality, research activity and reputation. In the law school category—also rated in US News—BC was ranked number 26, unchanged from last year.

BIRTHDAY MEETINGS

The Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM) will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a series of public lectures and discussions July 21-27.

Created on the heels of the Second Vatican Council to provide pastoral training and education to both vowed and lay Catholics, IREPM has graduated more than 1,000 ministers and educators at schools, parishes and hospitals. This year, for the first time, lay Catholics comprise a majority—56 percent—of the institute's student body.

**CITY FIXERS**

A faculty consulting group prescribes a streamlined Newton government

The city of Newton, home to most of BC's campus, is in the midst of an administrative restructuring based on a series of recommendations made by a pro bono consulting group of Boston College faculty members.

Acting on a request from the mayor's office last spring, faculty and graduate students from the Carroll School of Management and the School of Education began to study the city's administrative organization and service-delivery systems. The faculty found that, although Newton city government functions well and generally is approved by taxpayers, it is likely to face upcoming revenue restrictions at the same time that taxpayers will expect a level of service equal to or better than

what they presently enjoy.

To mitigate this projected conflict, the consultants last fall recommended reorganizing the city's bureaucracy. Rather than continuing to have directors of some two dozen departments report directly to the mayor, the consultants suggested grouping departments into functional clusters, such as a finance group that would incorporate five current departments. The report suggested consolidating duplicative administrative functions maintained by the city and school department, instituting a citywide performance-management system, and researching customer perception of services.

Shortly after the report was issued, Newton mayor Thomas Concannon '61, set up a com-

mittee to oversee implementation of the recommendations. Newton managers have been assigned to cross-functional teams to administer some of the changes, and the BC team, which continues to advise the city, has conducted workshops and a day-long retreat.

CSOM Associate Professor Judith Gordon, who is leading the consultants—and who is herself a Newton resident—called the ongoing work "a special opportunity. [BC is] able to contribute to the community, and our students have the chance to study management and education from the real-life perspective of a mature and successful municipality that, like all governments, is facing extraordinary new pressures."



HAIL TO THE CHIEF—J. Donald Monan, SJ, receives an ovation from a Cante Farum crowd gathered on May 1 to express gratitude for his 24 years as president. "A Legacy of Excellence" featured tributes and gifts from the BC "family"—trustees to staff carpenters. Standing next to Fr. Monan (from right to left) are Boston mayor Tom Menino, BC vice president Peg Dwyer, and Newton mayor Thomas Concannon '61.

Delta blues

An inquiry into the soul of the reengineered machine

AN ADMINISTRATOR WRITES:

Project Delta, BC's initiative to cut administrative costs, raise productivity and improve customer service, was announced in January ["Cutting edge," Linden Lane, Winter 1996]. Although the vice presidents who did the announcing were careful to say that no critical decisions would be made without thorough study, that BC was in great financial shape, that layoffs would be a last resort and that a team of trusted line managers would help guide the process, people still began to act strangely.

For example, a secretary I've been doing cheerful business with for at least 10 years replied this way when I asked her one day on the phone what she thought about Delta: "Oh, I couldn't understand anything as complicated as Project Delta," she said. "But I'm sure they have important reasons for doing it and everything will work out just great." Clearly I was "they" for the time being. Later I learned that "Stop Delta!" graffiti had appeared on the walls of women's rest rooms in two buildings and heard of a man who "confidentially" tipped another that his area was certain to be "Delta-ed," sending his victim into a panicked dash to learn that the tip was a lie. Then I was at a meeting where a guy managed to work into an otherwise stultifying business report his view that three people in his division, whom he named, held jobs that didn't require full-time attention. And the rumors: Department X was on the outsourcing block. The unions were the real target. The unions were untouchable. Two-hundred staff jobs had already been identified for cutting. Department Y was to be replaced by Power Macs. Department Z was to be replaced by Power Rangers and two retired Jesuits.

Odd as all this was, it wasn't odd at all. It could have happened anywhere. More interesting were the efforts people made, in chance hallway meetings or in the dying moments of business calls, to try and work out how Project Delta could be reconciled with "the BC culture." Though I can't recall anyone's saying it, I believe that what they meant is that when an institution traces its deepest corporate inspiration to a man reported to have said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," it shapes the joint, like it or not. It shapes it in ways that

have implications for the scope of the dental plan and how you address the woman who empties the wastebasket each morning—not to mention the manner in which jobs are cut.

"BC's mercy overflows its banks," an old colleague of mine mutters now and again. By this he means that you can't work here long and not know a Scheherazade load of stories about human weakness met with BC kindness. But while that knowledge can set your teeth on edge—especially if you happen to meditate upon it while commuting home from your third straight self-imposed 12-hour day—it's the same knowledge that frees you to speak of commitment (your own or the corporation's) without blushing and to act upon it.

Admittedly, kindness and commitment are rather exotic qualities in corporate America these days, and by all reports getting more exotic by the hour. But so's the practice of sending a "your prayers are requested" memo to let people know when a community member is bereaved. And so, of course, is the habit of calling the corporation a "community," its work a "mission" and its CEO "Father."

Shortly after Delta was announced, a woman called me to suggest, "What if we all just worked an extra half hour a day? That way, we could have better productivity, and no one would have to lose their job." I had no good answer for her except to say it was a very BC idea.

In mid-May it was announced that a famous consulting group had been hired to deliver a Delta master plan by late July—after which the consultants will step aside and BC will implement the project, process by process, office by office, job by job, in accordance with its own standards. Meanwhile two vice presidents, members of the Delta Executive Committee, have been making the rounds of administrative staff (faculty are not within Delta's purview), talking to groups of first-shift custodians and secretaries, cops and dorm counselors, union tradesmen and table setters, saying the same things about cost and competition and customers that they've said in BC's own newspapers and on BC's Web page, but this time saying it while they look people in the eye. As communication strategies go, it's highly inefficient; but I no longer hear the panicky noises I heard this winter.

Can we talk?

Notes toward a new synthesis of us and them

By DENNIS TAYLOR

Editor's note: Since the fall of 1995, at the request of President J. Donald Monan, SJ, a committee of faculty known as the University Academic Planning Council (UAPC) has been wrestling with the thorny task of drawing a new academic profile for Boston College. The group started with a survey of academic departments, followed by a year of discussions and public meetings. In February the committee issued its draft report for comment. Among the more than 80 comments received was the following, from Associate Professor of English Dennis Taylor. Writing in response to a UAPC analysis by Theology Professor David Hollenbach, SJ, Taylor addresses what has proved to be one of two neuralgic UAPC topics, Catholic and Jesuit identity. (The second tender point was a UAPC recommendation to strengthen faculty commitment to research.) A revised report was distributed in April and will be discussed by the Board of Trustees. The final plan will form the basis for Boston College's next capital campaign.

A factor that should be more deeply meditated and incorporated into the document [is] the participation of non-Catholic, non-Christian and non-theist faculty in the religious and spiritual mission of the school. There is great failure on both sides of the divide between Catholic and non-Catholic faculty here; failure of imagination about how to incorporate the non-Catholic world into the Catholic ethos, without watering down the latter or distorting the former. The whole school is haunted by the evolutionary-decline model of religious identity in universities. But the Catholic attempt to halt this decline, without a radical incorporation of the non-Catholic faculty, is probably doomed, as the Catholic side becomes increasingly diminished and marginalized by the normal hiring practices, which stress professional excellence and academic improvement.

[David Hollenbach's suggested revisions] assert in various ways that the primary source from which BC draws its inspiration is its Catholic tradition; this may be so historically, but is it so now (if we consider our increasingly diverse faculty)? The challenge of the document is to see this diversification not as a dilution of the original identity but as a strengthening of it in contact with other faiths and as a strengthening of those faiths in contact with it.

What needs to be deeply meditated is how BC can retain a passionate and fervent interest in its Catholic

ethos and at the same time theorize the full participation of the non-Catholic in this enlarged ethos. I need theologians to tell me how Catholicism needs the Jew, the Protestant and the atheist in order to understand its own distinctive nature and how the non-Catholic needs the Catholic here for a parallel understanding. Non-Catholic faculty, and not just fellow travelers, need to be able to "sign on" to the [UAPC] document. How can they be incorporated into it in essential ways?

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Thus the dialogue between "faith and culture" [noted] in David's revisions assumes that we are talking about Catholic faith and secular culture, but in fact the dialogue concerns faiths in dialogue with one another. Every sentence in the document which emphasizes the Catholic mission needs to be balanced by a sentence emphasizing the integral participation of other faiths and cultures here . . .

I admit that I don't know quite how to envision this unheard-of synthesis of the Catholic and the non-Catholic, each defining itself powerfully in relation to the other. Thus I am not speaking of vague common-denominator talk, or wishy-washy pluralism, which led to the loss of Protestant religious identity in the Protestant universities; I like David's passion and definition, but they need to be balanced by passion and definition on the "other side." I suspect we need groups representative of the different faiths and cultures, who are willing to talk to one another. I write this out of my own deep interest in the Catholic identity and my concern to see it preserved.

Dennis Taylor, a member of the English faculty, is the editor of BC's "Journal of Religion and the Arts." His article, "Examined lives," an account of his undergraduate course on spiritual-quest literature, appeared in the Winter 1993 issue of BCM.

NO LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

Archaeologists dig the Dust Bowl and, to BC's relief, come up empty

When Barbara Putnam and two assistants began poking their trowels into half-frozen mounds of soil on the Dust Bowl this winter, it was not an academic exercise. Before workers could sink the first concrete piling for the new student center or any other part of the three-building Middle Campus project, BC had to satisfy the state that the excavation would disturb no significant archaeological sites.

To those who walk its asphalt paths daily, the Dust Bowl appears an unlikely resting place for artifacts from any

cient football cleats (Alumni Stadium once stood on this spot), decomposing beer cans or fragments of long-forgotten UGBC election banners. In fact, after sifting, examining and eventually bagging and tagging five ceramic shards, 175 bits of brick, and broken

glass, coal and slag, Putnam's group determined that the site was, in archaeological terms, a large goose egg. "We basically didn't find anything," she said.

If Putnam was disappointed, BC officials were not, especially

Joe Herlihy, a member of the University's legal staff

who has been helping steer the

Middle Campus project through state and local permit processes. Had Put-

nam's team uncovered something significant, Herlihy said, the Massachusetts Historical Commission might have required a full-scale dig, which, while it might have enlivened the Dust Bowl for a while, would certainly have slowed construction of the student center—a project that fate has already delayed amply.

John Ombelets

epoch older than last weekend. But clues indicated otherwise. A 1994 survey had turned up deeds, topographic plans, land-use maps and probate records indicating that the area, once farmland, held a "moderate potential" for containing such artifacts as the remains of a wall, building or privy.

And so, to satisfy the Commonwealth's need to know, a backhoe was employed for two days in December and February. Across the Dust Bowl it dug 400 feet of trench, five feet deep and one foot wide, while Putnam and company followed behind. Contrary to sidewalk superintendents' expectations, the diggers disinterred no an-

Much ado about nothing—the Dust Bowl yields its riches: broken glass, slag, bits of sewer pipe and five ceramic shards.

BEING GREEN

A member of the BC faculty with no Irish ancestry has been named one of the Top 100 Irish Americans by *Irish America* magazine. Adele Dalsimer, professor of English and co-director of BC's Irish Studies Program, was honored in March along with Bill Clinton, Seamus Heaney, Ted Kennedy, Susan Sarandon, Liam Neeson and George Clooney. Dalsimer, a descendant of Eastern European Jewish emigrants, helped to create BC's Irish Studies Program in 1978 and was described by an *Irish America* representative as "a powerhouse in Irish culture."

SAVE THE \$2

Beginning June 1, Boston College will no longer charge a fee for sending transcripts on behalf of its students and graduates. "It's kind of a pain in the neck for people to have to remember to include the \$2 check," says University Registrar Louise Lonabocker, whose office processes some 40,000 transcript requests a year.

BIG DATE

The inauguration of William P. Leahy, SJ, as BC's president is planned for Friday, October 18. A University committee is planning the celebration, which will include an afternoon ceremony and several days of events centered on the theme "To Build a New Jerusalem."

BRENNAN PICK

Richard M. Lerner, a professor at Michigan State and director of its Institute for Children, Youth and Families, has been awarded the Anita L. Brennan Chair in Education. Lerner also will direct the newly created BC Center for Children, Family and Community Partnerships. The chair was established in 1989 by BC parents John V. and Anita Brennan.



VOICE OF EXPERIENCE

Darcel Clark '83, who won BC's first Martin Luther King Scholarship, returned to campus in February to keynote the dinner at which the 15th award was presented. "Don't let your college career fly by without making a leadership impact," Clark, now a supervising assistant district attorney in New York City, told 400 guests. Among those present were 1996 King scholarship winner Rizwan Jamal '97, and Fr. Monan (above with Clark and Dan Bunch, director of Learning to Learn). Fr. Monan received a portrait of King in commemoration of his last year as the award presenter.

TUNE IN

There may be no BC athletes on the field at this summer's Olympic Games, but the Eagle cheerleaders will be there. Approximately 20 college squads will perform as one unit in the opening show on July 20 in Atlanta. The BC team, consisting of seven men and seven women, was chosen on the basis of videotaped performances.

DEATHS

• William D. Sullivan, SJ, a member of the biology faculty from 1958 to 1966 and director of BC's Sonntag Institute for Cancer Research for the past 30 years, on March 24, 1996, at age 78.

• Frederick J. Adelmann, SJ, chairman of the philosophy department from 1954 to 1965 and a faculty member until his retirement in 1985, on April 1, 1996, at age 81.

THE COMPANY BC KEEPS

Survey finds University now competes for undergraduates in a whole new league

According to a recent study, there have been some dramatic changes in BC's competition. Mail surveys conducted by the Office of Enrollment Management during the summers of 1989 and 1995 asked students admitted to BC which other schools they'd applied to. From that list, enrollment managers determined the top-12 institutions with which BC vies for applicants and compared that list with the 1989 list.

Unsurprisingly, Georgetown was BC's chief rival both times. However last summer's survey showed a shift in the type of schools with which BC is competing for freshmen.

Among the new members of BC's top-12 competitors were Harvard, fourth; the University of Pennsylvania, fifth; Dart-

mouth, eighth; and Brown, 11th. Dropped from the top-12 were the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Fairfield University, Providence College and the University of New Hampshire. In addition, Notre Dame moved from fifth to second, Cornell from 10th to sixth, and Duke from 12th to ninth.

Robert Lay, BC's dean of enrollment management, says the trend demonstrates that BC is attracting applications from the same high achievers who are coveted by some of the nation's most prestigious institutions. "These are students who are very desirable to Boston College, in terms of both academic and leadership qualities," he says. "We have become more aggressive in recruiting these students, and our efforts are paying off."

For another study—this one of potential applicants' perceptions of BC—an outside consulting firm has been surveying U.S. high-school students on BC's behalf and comparing the findings with those from a similar 1989 survey.

Last October, market researchers conducted a telephone survey of high-school seniors who had not yet applied to college. The students were selected from eight cities where BC recruits: Boston, New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, Dallas-Fort Worth and Washington, DC. They were asked to evaluate the strength of certain characteristics—faculty, national reputation, intercollegiate athletics and academic competitiveness and programs—at BC, at four similar colleges, and at flagship universities in the students' respective regions.

According to Lay, BC's image is improving in three areas in particular: academic competitiveness, national reputation and intercollegiate athletics. Students also see undergraduate teaching as a major strength. Lay says BC's reputation for teaching was especially attractive to students at a distance from New England and that it "gives Boston College an advantage over selected national universities."

"Boston College is striking a particularly dramatic chord among students, especially in areas such as Chicago and Florida," says Patricia Casey, vice president of Maguire Associates, which conducted the survey. "The perception of BC's campus life is very strong . . . and the University's location and its proximity to Boston make it stand out [for] prospective students."

Summer Night on Keeble's Bluff

By Timothy Walsh '80

*If the auroras persist in their absence,
if the moon remains cottoned in overcast,
there is still this silk of air,
these kerchiefs of breeze,
a sweet electricity that tells
of thunderstorms roiling beyond the hills.*

*Can you feel the distant shocks running through
the earth and through our bones?*

*Come, lie back in this woodruff,
lie back and crush the sweet leaves,
till the lightning ignites the way.*

Timothy Walsh lives in Madison, Wisconsin, where he has just completed his doctorate and is at work on a novel and a book of literary theory. This poem first appeared in *West Wind Review*.

NET GAIN

With an expert to guide them, students dive into cyberspace and imagine the opportunities

CLASS: MC 274 Business on the Internet

INSTRUCTOR: CSOM Professor Mary Cronin

READINGS: *The Internet Business Guide, Resnick and Taylor (Sams, 1995); selected materials from the Internet and the World Wide Web*

This is going to be a great class," declares Mary Cronin, standing before long curves of tiered seats on the fourth floor of Fulton Hall. Her confidence takes at least some of its authority from recent stories in *Fortune* and on National Public Radio—among other places—which have anointed her a sensible, levelheaded analyst of the much-hyped Internet. A longtime hacker who guided the installation of computers across the BC library system in the 1980s while University librarian, Cronin is more recently the author of *The Internet Strategy Handbook* (Harvard Business School Press), her third book about the Internet.

"When I started talking about doing business on the Internet four years ago, most managers and executives I talked to thought it was a fad that wouldn't last," she says at the start of class. "But I do think it's a revolutionary way of doing business." Her course is coolly critical. "The focus here

is business strategies. In particular, are managers making the right decisions?" she explains. Students are expected to dive into the Net, to sample what's there—they are asked to keep journals documenting their time online—and to critique what works and what doesn't for corporate home pages.

There are now, by conservative estimate, 40 million users on the Net worldwide. Why so many? "You can get right in there and start to do business, even as an individual," Cronin says. Accordingly, the electronic playing field is wild and anarchic, something like a Western mining town at the peak of the Gold Rush.

Several weeks into the course, guest speaker Tom Anderson bears witness to the frenzy. A moustached 40-something marketing executive, Anderson describes how his company, Millipore Corporation of Bedford, Massachusetts,

a \$600-mil-

lion global supplier of scientific filtration systems, has tapped into cyberspace. Millipore's first Web site appeared in March 1994. Last year the site drew 71,000 visitors; that number, he says, should triple in 1996.

Later, students divide into teams charged with planning and designing business home pages. They are required to present the concoctions formally in class, complete with analysis of the competition, a marketing strategy and multiyear projections.

One plan—presented by a team of seven students wearing crisp business attire—calls for the on-line sale of concert tickets through a home page called Music, Etc. The idea is to start small, within New England, and gradually expand, concentrating on customer service to a youngish, music-loving clientele alienated by current, impersonal ticketing services. "People are ready for a change in their ticket provider," says one team member authoritatively.

On a giant computer screen at the front of the room, the team walks the class through the jazzy features of its page, including a splash of concert listings and a compilation of the latest CD releases. Someone asks how the page might be customized to serve the individual user. In response, the team suggests asking the person to specify his or her

favorite musical group: "Then we can e-mail that person when the group is coming to give a concert in the area." Another twist, which the team member in charge of marketing spells out, has the company entering into co-operative advertising schemes with media outlets.

In his presentation, Millipore's Anderson points out that most of the corporate action on the Internet began just two years ago—when the seniors in Fulton 415 were sophomores. "It's really taken off," he says, "and it's all new."

Bruce Morgan



Pleasure tome

An hour in the circle of true readers

On a cool, sunny day in late March, a dozen women sit eating lunch at a table in an O'Neill Library conference room, a coffeepot nearby. Several talk.

"What do you think? Will Ishmael go on and get himself a life?"

"Oh, I hope so. I certainly hope so."

Ishmael, though close to these hearts, will never know of the exchange. He is a fiction, a character in a best-selling novel, *Snow Falling on Cedars*, by David Guterson, and these are the book's readers—administrators and faculty members. As they do each month under the auspices of the O'Neill Library, they have come together to talk in a series of campus discussions tantalizingly called "Reading for Pleasure," a concept that sounds especially luxurious in a place where many read primarily for information or out of duty.

Reading for pleasure is the kind of reading I did as a child, curled up in a corner of a green damask sofa, devouring *The Little Match Girl* and desperately munching on slices of soft Wonder bread as I felt the match girl's hunger sharp and unfamiliar in my middle-class belly. I was consumed by the text as I consumed it—and gratefully lost to the world.

In the same week that the book group met, poet Robert Pinsky gave a talk in the English department with the title "Reading like a Writer." He described how it is almost impossible for him to read in any way other than as the writer he is, combing the lines for inspiration, for models of style, for comparison with his own writing. He doesn't apologize for this; he celebrates who he is. He could also imagine "Reading like an Architect," "Reading like a Doctor," or "Reading like a Carpenter." Reading like an English professor, I analyze the techniques of the work in front of me, place it historically, relate it to other works of its kind and finally think about ways of communicating the work to my students. I read pencil in hand.

But today in O'Neill Library my hands hold a turkey sandwich, and I'm wondering, with my companions, why Kabuo Miyamoto didn't come forward with what he knew about the night Carl Heine was killed. We talk about what it must have been like to be a Japanese-American during World War II and compare the paranoia and racism our country showed in the wake of

the bombing of Pearl Harbor with what we know of such things today.

The comments ricochet around the table, ranging from the gut level to the cerebral. When one person remarks that she felt she didn't get to know Carl Heine's character very well, another woman exclaims, "We knew him *very well!*" With a kind of chuckling outrage, she questions why the author felt compelled to provide so much gory detail in his description of this character's autopsy: "We sure did get inside his head!" Another reader, whose comments tend toward the analytical, observed with bemusement that with this particular novel, the group has read "three books in a row about redemption." She also asks the group to consider the meaning of the novel's last sentence, reading it aloud for our textual analysis. The appointed discussion leader tells us that the way the novel revels in the landscape of the Pacific Northwest reminds her of Sarah Orne Jewett's *Country of the Pointed Firs*.

But then one woman comments on the lyricism of the novel's style, and the table hums in agreement and delight. The woman goes on to say that she had written a letter to a friend whom she knew would appreciate the romanticism of the hollow cedar tree in which the two young lovers of the novel met for trysts. As she speaks, her own pleasure, palpable and fresh, shimmers off her face and infuses the library air. The pleasure of reading is contagious, and to share it is the keenest pleasure, something every kindergartner in a circle of Show and Tell knows. Every English teacher, too. This circle of readers is traveling familiar territory for me. We are following all the same paths that I do as a professional reader, and yet in the end we find ourselves in a different place.

Reading for pleasure, we let ourselves be transported, with no professional props, to a place not on the cognitive map. It's that place in the hollow cedar tree that Guterson's lovers found, padded with soft moss, surrounded by walls "glossy and golden," bathed in green-tinted light and "a cedar perfume that permeated their skin and clothes." There, dreamy and content, unaccountable to the world, we are "hibernating at the heart of the forest with time suspended and the world frozen."

Clare Dunsford

PARLANCER

*When language needs inventing,
Paul Lewis is the man to do it*

Paul Lewis is capable of using words so rare that they haven't been heard until he first speaks them. The habit began in 1992 with "Frankenfood," which he was inspired to insert in a letter to the editor after reading a *New York Times* editorial on the marketing of genetically altered crops. Once his letter appeared, "Frankenfood" lurched forward on its own, so to speak, turning up in *Newsday*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Daily Telegraph* of London, and on National Public Radio.

More recently the BC English professor has been cited as creator of "schmoozeosie" (the class of people who make a living by talking, such as therapists, teachers, and radio and television hosts), which was included in the 1995 book *Word Watch: The Stories Behind the Words of Our Lives* and approv-

ingly noted by *New York Times* word maven William Safire.

"There are those who do this sort of thing seriously, but for me it's just fun," Lewis told *Chronicle*, BC's faculty and staff newspaper. "In words like 'mall-minded' or 'Newtmare,' I am trying to catch a cultural wave."

Some of Lewis' newer concoctions include: "celebfatigue"—a "stupor induced by excessive exposure to the lives of the undeservedly famous"; "Pittwitted"—a "bubbleheaded frame of mind" resulting from an overabundance of stories about actor Brad Pitt; and "likespeak"—"teen dialect based on the assumption that objects and concepts only approximate what they pretend to represent."

Lewis, in real life a scholar of humor, who has written about Edgar Allan Poe, Herman Melville and Woody Allen, admits to



The creator of Lewispeak.

a mordant slant on life and the words that are sometimes required to explain it. Thinking recently about new words needed to explain life in a prominent North American capital, he dreamed up "Republicuts" to describe GOP proposals to trim social pro-

grams, and "Democrits" to describe Democrats "deep in denial" over their long history of support for those same programs. Starting in June, Lewis will be coining words for a column, Fresh Talk, which will appear in *USA Weekend* magazine. ●

WORLD VIEW—These photographs, produced by a Polaroid-transfer process, are from "Travelscapes," an exhibition by Marilyn Lasek at Boston's Eclipse Gallery in February 1996. Lasek is associate director of the Management Center at the Carroll School of Management.



Man with Bicycle, Produce Stand, Beijing



Man with Bicycle, DeLuca's, Boston

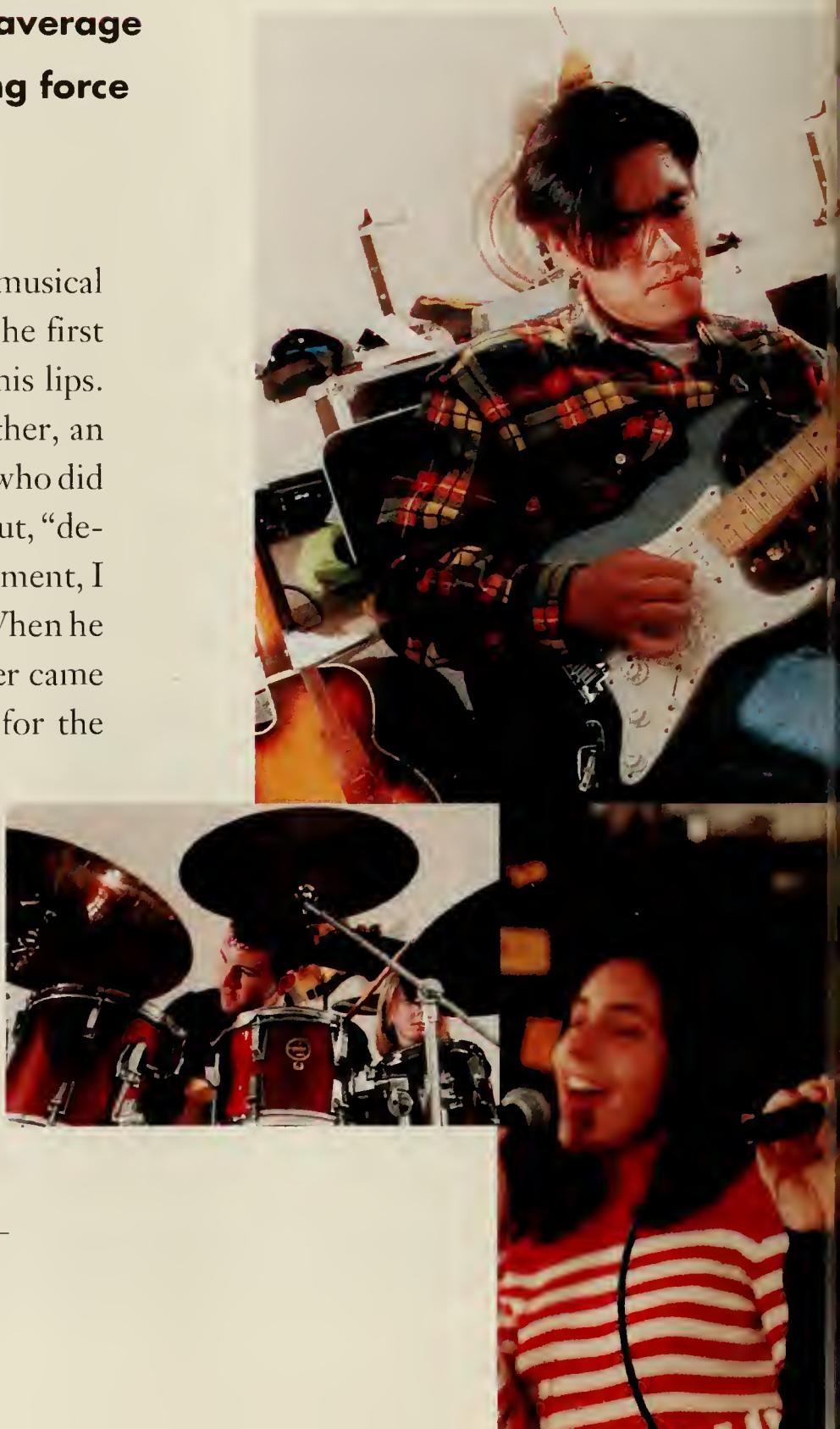
Seb Bonaiuto & His Hot 21

What's the difference between your average jazz band and a contender? A driving force

BY BRUCE MORGAN

THE LESSON CAME FOR BC Bop musical director Sebastian Bonaiuto when he first picked up a trumpet and put it to his lips. He was in fourth grade, and his father, an Italian immigrant and former trumpet player who did construction work in New Britain, Connecticut, "determined that if I was going to study an instrument, I would do it properly," recalls Bonaiuto, 46. When he asked how long he should practice, the answer came back: "I'll let you know when you're done for the day." Bonaiuto paid his dues, and four years later, as an eighth grader, he was playing in a professional jazz band composed of high-school and college students.

Does he apply his father's rule to the musicians who have earned chairs in his own student jazz ensemble? Bonaiuto gazes at the interviewer, expressionless. His dark, thin-



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Take it from the top—BC Bop director Seb Bonaiuto plays by two rules: listen hard and practice hard. Drummer Collin Ernst '96; guitarist Joel Vengco '96; tenor sax player Pat Osborne '97; and singers, left to right, Cara Lanza '96, Jennifer Sierveld '96, and Stephanie Hillstrom '96, show their stuff. "It's grueling," says Hillstrom.



Twist and shout—
In rehearsal, Seb is a brisk taskmaster. "Everything he does is for a reason," one musician says. "There's not a wasted minute with him." Here the director puts bOp's five-member saxophone section, including juniors Pat Osborne and Tom Thompson (in plaid) through their paces.



ning hair stands out from his head. "Absolutely," he says intently.

The rigor shows. Founded in 1987, BC bop each spring presents a gala concert in Robsham Theater that bristles with talent and showmanship. Off campus, the band has performed its mix of traditional and contemporary jazz at Walt Disney World, at resorts in Mexico and Jamaica, and at Carnegie Hall. This year, on the basis of a 26-minute audition tape, bop was one of a handful of college bands invited to Jazzfest USA, a three-day festival of performances and workshops sponsored by *Downbeat* magazine, which was held in Orlando, Florida, in April.

A Sunday-evening rehearsal—held weekly in the big, square band room in Conte Forum—is less tuneful than traumatic; there is nothing much to hum. Few complete songs are played over the three hours. Instead, difficult fragments of the tunes, often a mere five or six measures long, receive protracted attention. Standing up front, looking down at his music stand,

Bonaiuto (whom everyone calls Seb) drills the band relentlessly. "OK, listen carefully," he tells his students at one point, after a flip of his hand brings the music to a crashing halt. "Guys, we're doing this for your ears, as well as your fingers and lips. You have to have your ears open to what the *total sound* is and what your relationship to that sound is." Listening is a recurrent theme with Bonaiuto, who has been director of BC's band program since 1989.

"BCbOp!"—as it styles itself—comprises five saxophones, four trumpets, four trombones, piano, guitar, and bass, as well as two percussionists. The three vocalists are coached by local jazz singer JoJo David. The challenge of making such a large ensemble turn on a dime and swing is immense. Not only must every kink of the rhythm be sensed and relayed, but intricately flexing dynamic and tonal niceties need to be borne as well. How loud, how soft? How muted, how bright? Without the vocalists, 18 musicians are assembled on the risers here. At low ebb the effect is that of a 36-legged beast shuffling raggedly down the road. But



when the band hits its stride, the music is a shimmering, lovely thing.

Amid the band's layered, ringing sounds, Bonaiuto can detect the smallest missed inflection or dropped beat. Often in practice he waves his hand, stopping the music, and then announces to some student in the second row, surrounded by 17 others, "At measure 32 you came in a quarter note late. OK? Let's get that." The student will nod. Nothing is said twice; the message is given, and the band moves on.

"His ears are incredible," says bass player Tim Burns '93, a philosophy graduate student who has been playing with bop for a year now. "When he turns his ears your way, you'd better be playing the right part." Bonaiuto is relaxed enough to crack an occasional joke or listen to a student's suggestion; he just



never strays from the task at hand. Shelagh Abate, a junior who has played trumpet with bop for the past three years, describes Bonaiuto's rehearsal style as "a perfect combination of strictness and leniency." Lavish praise is not part of the package. "When he raises his eyebrows at you, that's good," Burns says.

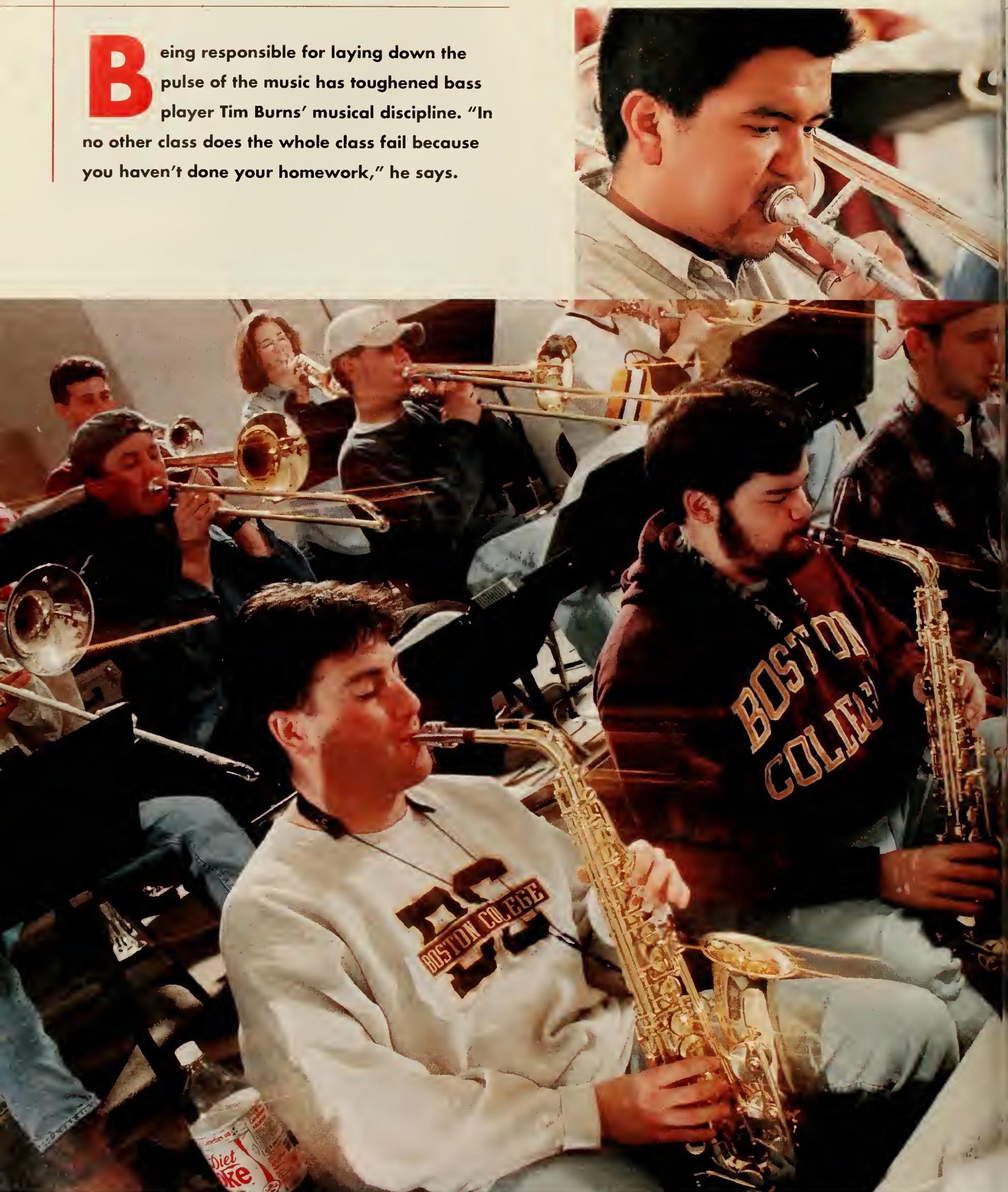
Bonaiuto makes the point that *he* is not especially strict and demanding; the music is. He wants the musicians in his care to hit all the high notes they can. "I am absolutely committed to having them achieve their potential and, quite candidly, very disappointed if they don't achieve it," he admits.

"Seb sets a very high standard," says Collin Ernst '96, the fluent, rock-solid drummer behind bop and a four-year veteran. "He wants this group to be its best and then some." Adds vocalist

The students play for a measure or two, Bonaiuto waves his hand, and they start again. Again stop, again start; again stop, again start. Click, click, click. "Better," he says. A moment later he's annoyed. "OK, we need definition. You can't be sliding through that." A moment later he's unexpectedly pleased. "Perfect," he says. "Hey, what happened—have you guys started to count?"



Being responsible for laying down the pulse of the music has toughened bass player Tim Burns' musical discipline. "In no other class does the whole class fail because you haven't done your homework," he says.



Blowing it—
Top to bottom, Tom
Esperiqueta, Andy
LaMora, Tom Thompson
and Shelagh Abate
hone their sound.



Stephanie Hillstrom '96, "Everything he does is for a reason. There's not a wasted minute with Seb. But it's grueling—you have to go in there knowing your notes."

"Everyone," Abate says, "loves and fears Seb."

During four weeks of auditions each fall Bonaiuto gives applicants music to practice in advance, but he also springs unfamiliar music on them. That way he can judge the difference between their native abilities and their willingness to spend time mastering the material. The work ethic is elemental to Bonaiuto. "A lot of high-level talent is compromised by lack of a work ethic," he says. "I'd rather have people who are committed and have a strong work ethic than people who are talented and don't apply themselves."

Tim Burns knows the drill; he endured the tryout regimen last fall, competing for the bass-player spot. "I had to practice hard from Tuesday night on," he recalls. "I couldn't go out on Saturday night; I had to stay home and practice instead." Burns eventually won the contest and claimed his chair, an honor he likens to being accepted by the Marine Corps.

Burns has gained plenty through his immersion. He says his sight-reading skills are "10 times better" than they used to be. His confidence as a performer has risen steadily. And being responsible for laying down the pulse of the music has toughened his musical discipline. "In no other class does the whole class fail because you haven't done your homework," he points out. "Per-

sonally, it has taught me a lot about persistence, about making a commitment to something, and the payoff that comes from that commitment."

The general quality of musicianship in the band is superb, and accordingly the pressure to practice hard comes as much from other bop members as it does from the conductor. Earnst, the drummer, recalls feeling overwhelmed at his first audition freshman year. "When we started playing, I thought: Wow, maybe this is over my head. They had a really great trumpet section then, and they were right next to me, blaring these high, perfect notes. It was not like anything I'd heard in high school."

Throughout his career, Bonaiuto has veered between two interests: music and software. After graduating from Boston University as a music major in 1972, he worked as band director at the Westwood, Massachusetts, high school and studied music theory at the New England Conservatory of Music. But in the early '80s, while his wife attended graduate school in Madison, Wisconsin, Bonaiuto worked as a computer programmer for an accounting firm. He kept himself hopping musically in his spare time, playing trumpet in a half dozen different groups, from large jazz ensembles to oompah bands. "There are no photographs of me in lederhosen," he laughs. "Don't ask."

While working on his MBA at BC in the late '80s, Bonaiuto heard from some undergraduates that they wanted to start a top-notch jazz band. They didn't have to ask him twice. BC bop was recognized as an official University club in early January 1988, and the band held its first concert in McElroy Café later that month.

Bonaiuto is aggressive in his search for talent. He hunts students down and persuades them to jump across musical canyons they might not otherwise cross. Joel Vengco '96, was one such case. He came to BC from California steeped in rock and blues but with little appetite for jazz. After two weeks on campus he got a call from Bonaiuto, who had thumbed through freshman application forms and



noted that Vengco could play guitar. Would he like to come by and discuss his musical future? "Seb said it was just to talk, but 'Why don't you bring your guitar along?'" Vengco recounts. The Sacramento native showed up and nervously played a few blues licks. Next thing Vengco knew, Bonaiuto had him attending bop rehearsals.

Vengco was bitten. He began learning jazz guitar, taking private lessons and bearing down on the appreciably more difficult style. He devoted 15 to 20 hours a week to practice time. "I came from not knowing jazz at all to really loving it," he says. "My musical taste has totally changed. Seb has been a mentor for me and made me really grow as a musician." Now a swift, dexterous player who emulates Miles Davis, Wes Montgomery and Christian McBride, Vengco intends to pursue jazz after graduation, working either full-time as a professional musician or as a sideline to a career in medical research.

Whether at big Sunday-night re-

hearsals, or at smaller, two-hour sectional rehearsals during the week, Bonaiuto drives his charges toward an excellence they may not yet discern. Sometimes the conditions for this quest are crazy. Because the BC Symphony uses the band room between 4 and 6 p.m. Mondays, the trombone section rehearses in the Conte Forum concourse, hard up against the pay phones. A clutch of athletes jogs past every few minutes, their shoes squeaking as they rubberneck to watch Collin Ely '99, Tom Esperiqueta '98, David Hadly '99, and Ryan Kling '96, play. Random shouts and the *thwacks* of hockey pucks drift up from Kelly Rink.

Bonaiuto is unfazed by the background noise. He clicks his fingers smartly to set the tempo, and the trombonists produce a plump, taut, balanced sound. The students play for a measure or two, Bonaiuto waves his hand, and they start again. Again stop, again start; again stop, again start. Click, click, click. "Better," he says. A moment later he's

annoyed. "OK, we need definition. You can't be sliding through that. Ba-di-DEE-dah. We need definition, and it's got to be in time." A moment later he's unexpectedly pleased. "Perfect," he says. "Hey, what happened—have you guys started to count?"

A rhythm-section rehearsal, slated between 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. Mondays to accommodate five students' schedules, shows the same gruff blend of annoyance and satisfaction. Early on, Bonaiuto snaps at drummer Collin Earnst: "Can you move your stand, or do something? You're too distracted. I'm stopping the band and then like 15 minutes later you stop. What do you want me to do—throw a grenade, yell, shout?" All of this is delivered in a level voice.

Thirty seconds later Bonaiuto mistakenly refers to Collin as Tim, and everybody laughs. "Are we such a tight rhythm section that you can't tell us apart?" jokes Burns, leaning down over the strings of his upright bass. Bonaiuto, after a slight, telling pause: "No." More



Off the chart—
Bonaiuto expects older
musicians such as
senior Collin Earnst,
near right, and grad
student Tim Burns, to
provide leadership.
Graduation leaves a
gap, and Bonaiuto
spent a spring week-
end reading 2,000
freshman applications.



laughter skips around the room.

Like the trombonists, the rhythm players hammer the same difficult passages repeatedly. The music is percussive, sinewy, intense. Earnst suggests he'll come up with some nimble fills to enliven a dull spot in a problematic few measures of "Dangerous Precedent," one of the more abstract and difficult tunes the band is performing this year. "I'll have something ready to show you on Sunday," he promises. Bonaiuto is looking down at his sheet music, concentrating. A second or two goes by. "OK, cool," he says without looking up.

Minutes later, when one of the players flubs his entrance and mumbles, "I'll get it," Bonaiuto is plainly ticked off. "It's bare-our-souls time," he begins ominously. "I'm hearing a lot of 'I'll get it' from you guys. That's wearing a little thin. You should have gotten it by now. This is rehearsal, and we should be hearing music—not, 'I'll get it.' The concert is less than two weeks away and it's D Day. OK, measure 59." Click, click, click.

The concert, held the last Saturday night in March, proves the merit of Bonaiuto's tough-minded approach. For the second straight year Robsham Theater is sold out. From the moment the stage lights come up and the band members file in, horns gleaming, to take their places, the night belongs to musicality of a high order. The show is subtle and charismatic, good enough to eat, with a natty Bonaiuto looking happier than ever in the conductor's role. He keeps gazing around the stage as though entranced.

"When we get to a performance, my work is 99-percent done," he later says. "I'm an audience member, and I'm loving it at that point."

Vengco blazes on guitar. The vocalists shine. BC bop tears down the house musically and brings the audience to its feet. During the encore, a rave-up rendition of "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," the singers stylishly raise their arms in unison. Earnst flings his right-hand drumstick toward the rafters and catches it on the beat. ●

Risky business

Bad things do happen to good organizations.

How NASA blew up the *Challenger*

BY DIANE VAUGHAN

On the afternoon of January 27, 1986, Larry Wear, the solid rocket motor manager for NASA, telephoned Morton Thiokol-Wasatch in Brigham City, Utah, from his office in Huntsville, Alabama. He wanted to know what the Thiokol engineers thought about use of their solid rocket motor in unusually cold temperatures.

That phone call set into motion some of the most carefully scrutinized conversations in history. For, on the next day at 11:38 a.m., with the temperature at 36 degrees, the space shuttle *Challenger* was launched from the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Seventy-three seconds later, a fireball erupted, and the shuttle disappeared in smoke. Unseen, the tiny crew compartment fell nine miles in two-and-a-half minutes, hitting the ocean at 200 miles per hour. The

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seven crew members, including grade-school teacher Christa McAuliffe, died.

In response to Wear's call on the eve of the launch, Thiokol managers held a meeting with engineers. The agenda was O-rings. Twelve feet in diameter and the color and thickness of a string of licorice, the rubberlike gaskets sealed the joints between segments of the solid rocket boosters. The engineers expressed concern that the cold might harden the rings so that they would not seal properly. The potential gap was .06 inch for .6 seconds at ignition—but the engineers knew it might be enough to allow a phenomenon called blowby, in which the boosters' hot propellant gases might penetrate the seal, allowing the solid rocket fuel to escape, with disastrous consequences for the shuttle.

At 5:45 p.m. on the eve of the launch, managers and engineers at Thiokol, at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville and at Kennedy held a teleconference. Thiokol personnel recommended delaying the launch until noon or later, when the weather would be warmer. A second teleconference was scheduled for 8:15 p.m. so that more people could be brought into the discussion.

That second teleconference, involving 34 people, began with a Thiokol recommendation not to launch the shuttle at any temperature below 53 degrees. Thiokol engineers picked that cutoff based on the coldest shuttle launch to date: a January 1985 mission, when the O-ring temperature had been 53 degrees. On that flight hot gases had severely eroded one ring.

Immediately, NASA managers began challenging the cutoff. "My God, Thiokol, when do you want me to launch, next April?" exclaimed Lawrence Mulloy, manager of the Shuttle Projects Office. George Hardy, deputy director of science and engineering at Marshall, said he was "appalled" by the recommendation.

A Thiokol vice president requested a five-minute break for his staff to caucus. It stretched into a 30-minute debate. Engineer Arnold Thompson sketched the joint and discussed the effect of the cold. Using photographs of failed O-rings from earlier flights, engineer Roger Boisjoly argued that there was a correlation between low temperature and blowby. Four senior managers continued talking and took a vote. Three voted in favor of the launch, but one, Robert Lund, hesitated. His fellow managers asked him to look at the big picture—to "take off his engineering hat and put on his management hat." He switched his vote.

Back on the phone, one of the senior managers announced that Thiokol had reversed its position. The teleconference ended at 11:15 p.m. Mulloy then telephoned his superior at the Johnson Space Center in Houston and discussed ice on the launchpad and the status of recovery ships. He never mentioned the teleconference. Twelve hours later the *Challenger* was launched.

In the aftermath of the public tragedy, President Ronald Reagan created a commission to investigate the disaster. It made two discoveries that seemed startling: that NASA had been knowingly flying with O-ring problems for years and that at the 11th hour Thiokol engineers had warned about launching in the cold but NASA managers had decided to launch anyway. The commission concluded that both the technology and the decision-making process had been flawed—that NASA middle managers had violated industry rules and internal NASA safety rules. An incredulous public demanded to know why.

Analysts, particularly journalists, looked to circumstances peculiar to the *Challenger* launch. Some blamed media pressure and NASA's desire to improve its public image. The *Columbia*, the shuttle preceding the *Challenger*, had been delayed

a record seven times in 25 days, and the *Challenger* had already been delayed four times. Dan Rather's evening-news script for Monday, January 27, read, "Yet another costly, red-faces-all-around space-shuttle-launch delay." John Quinones of ABC's "World News Tonight" opened, "Once again a flawless liftoff proved to be too much of a challenge for the *Challenger*."

Others suspected political pressure from the White House. During the 1984 campaign, after a Gallup poll found that Reagan was vulnerable on the issue of education, he announced that a school-teacher would be the first private citizen to fly on the shuttle and would teach lessons about space while in orbit. The Teacher in Space project had generated an extraordinary amount of media interest. The State of the Union address was scheduled for January 28, while the *Challenger* would be orbiting the Earth. A launch timed so that the administration could crow about this first on prime-time television would be politically advantageous both at home and abroad.

And analysts looked at the space-shuttle program itself. The program had been created after the initial exultation over the *Apollo* moon landing had faded and NASA had lost the interest of the public and Washington. The agency had needed a new and important mission, and NASA officials had proposed the shuttle, projecting that it could explore other planets and that it would become financially self-supporting. By the early 1980s, they'd promised, each flight would carry 65,000 pounds of satellite payload—at \$100 per pound—for commercial and military customers, such as the Star Wars program. Over time, those political bargains translated into pressure to meet an accelerated flight schedule. Once the epitome of a high-tech, research-and-design institute, NASA had become a business.

LAYING BLAME

The account of the *Challenger* launch that I've related thus far supports what became the generally accepted explanation of the disaster. From a technical perspective, faulty O-rings allowed hot propellant gases to escape through a joint

in the right booster rocket; that fuel loss destabilized the spacecraft, causing it to wobble violently and break apart. When the booster smashed into an external fuel tank containing liquid hydrogen and oxygen, a huge fireball erupted. From the perspective of responsibility, it appeared that NASA middle managers had taken a gamble in order to keep to their tight production schedules and like everyone else, I

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dered: why did NASA managers continue launching with a design they had for years known to be flawed? And why did they launch the *Challenger* despite the objections of engineers?

Later, as I began my research, several other questions began to puzzle me. First, NASA scheduled two launch windows for every flight date, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Why hadn't managers been willing to postpone the launch until afternoon, when temperatures were predicted to rise? That slight delay would have eliminated the extra risk of cold yet would have gotten the shuttle into the sky in time for the State of the Union address.

Second, even a preliminary reading of the data made it clear that the conflict could not be characterized fairly as a face-off between callous managers and conscientious engineers. The engineers themselves had disagreed on the risk posed by the cold; some had believed it was safe to fly.

Third, after a year of research I still hadn't discovered any rule violations. Contrary to the commission's report, I found that every rule and reporting procedure of NASA's elaborate internal system had been followed. So why had NASA managers made such a disastrous decision?

I spent nine years immersed in the technology, organizational culture and events that contributed to the *Challenger* tragedy. Over that time I found myself dragged, reluctantly, to the conclusion that the disaster could not be blamed on corrupt or inept management. I came to realize that, while the launch decision was a rational calculation, it was not immoral; while it was a mistake, it was not misconduct. Something very bad had happened, but there was no evil here.

LOST VIRGINITY

The design of the space shuttle was based on the Air Force's *Titan III* solid rocket, widely regarded as one of the most reliable ever produced. In the early stages of shuttle design, Thiokol and NASA engineers believed the booster joints were fail-safe; they'd even added a backup O-ring that the *Titan III* didn't have. Then in September 1977 a test showed that pressure at ignition rotated the booster joints slightly, briefly creating a small gap. Joint rotation, a well-known phenomenon in the aerospace industry, was not necessarily a sign of danger, but it was the first sign that the joint might not operate as expected.

Thiokol engineers weren't worried by the rotation, but one of NASA's working engineers, Leon Ray, was. He urged his managers to redesign the joint, and as an interim solution he pushed them to shim the joint and to use more-finely-ground calcium in the O-ring material. Tests were run and adjustments were made until the engineers agreed that the design, although deviating from expectations, was acceptable and that fixing the joint was an appropriate response. Those two early conclusions—accept the risk and proceed with flight, and correct rather than redesign—became the norms guiding subsequent decision making.

While disassembling the shuttle after its second flight in November 1981, Thiokol engineers discovered the first evidence of damage to the O-rings. Tiny bubbles had formed in the putty lining the joints, allowing hot motor gases to erode .053 inch of an O-ring. The engineers reasoned that the cause must be a deficiency in the putty at that spot. They calculated that the worst erosion an O-ring could withstand would be .090 inch. For a test, they cut pieces out of an O-ring to simulate erosion slightly greater than that and subjected it to three times the pressure exerted during ignition. The joint held. In addition, the engineers remained convinced that even if a primary O-ring did fail, the backup would hold. "You don't build in redundancy and never expect to use the backup," project manager George Hardy told me. "If you never use your backup, you're wasting money."

With this first decision to accept O-ring erosion, the shuttle engineers set in motion the long, complex string of decisions that led to the disaster. After each flight returned, engineers took the shuttle apart. Each time that they found signs of deviation from design expectations, they analyzed the problem until they were convinced they understood it; then they fixed it. And each time that they found a little more damage to an O-ring, without a catastrophe, they loosened their definition of what constituted an acceptable risk. What they had at first viewed as deviance came to seem normal. They came to expect O-ring damage.

In retrospect, the warning signals seem clear and strong. But for the engineers analyzing one flight at a time, the signals were anything but clear. Some were mixed: they did not occur consistently. Flights with damaged O-rings were scattered among many flights with no problems.

Other signals were weak. The causes of problems were not always the same. If O-ring damage had occurred only at low temperatures, the engi-

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Road Trip

Travel with the Eagles this fall for six away games

From Hawaii to Michigan, Pennsylvania to Florida, Eagle-watchers can take to the road for all of the '96 season away football games on six value-packed tours.

Trips are planned for the season-opener against the University of Hawaii on August 31, as well as Michigan on September 21, West Virginia on October 5, Cincinnati on October 12, Pittsburgh on October 31 and Miami on November 23. Details on each of the tours are as follows:

Hawaii: Journey along to the Land of Aloha for a deluxe eight-night tour—Saturday, August 24 through Sunday, September 1. The Alumni Association has teamed up with Collegiate Athletic tours to bring you the best of Hawaii—with a trip that includes four nights on Maui at the Westin Maui on Kaanapali Beach, and four nights on Oahu at the Sheraton Moana Surfrider, right on Waikiki Beach.

The tour price is \$1,999 per person, based on double occupancy, and includes air transportation, hotel accommodations, game ticket, all transfers and baggage handling, as well a cocktail party and a brunch/pep rally. Call Collegiate Athletic Tours at 1-800-788-4414 to register or for more information.

Michigan: See BC take on Big-10 opponent Michigan on a tour which runs from Friday, September 20 to Sunday, September 22. The trip includes two nights' accommodations at the Sheraton

Ann Arbor, game ticket, a welcome reception and pre-game pep rally, as well as all taxes and gratuities. The price for the land package is \$269 per person, based on double occupancy. Call Quinwell Travel at 1-800-498-5586 to register or for more information.

West Virginia: Travel to Morgantown, West Virginia for the always-exciting Eagles-Mountaineers match. The trip, which begins Friday, October 4 and concludes Sunday, October 6, features two nights' accommoda-

tions at the Holiday Inn Morgantown, game ticket, a welcome reception and pre-game pep rally, and all taxes and gratuities. The price for the land package is \$199 per person, based on double occupancy. Call Quinwell Travel at 1-800-498-5586 for more information.

Cincinnati: Ohio's Queen City will be the destination for the BC-University of Cincinnati game. The

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Hawaii is the first stop for the '96 away-game football tours.

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tour is Friday, October 11 to Sunday, October 13, and includes two nights' accommodations at the Hyatt Cincinnati, game ticket, round-trip transfers, a welcome reception and pre-game pep rally, as well as taxes and gratuities. The price for the land package is \$259 per person, based on double occupancy. Call Quinwell Travel at 1-800-498-5586 to register or for more information.

Pittsburgh: This tour is a quick overnight, Thursday, October 31 to Friday, November 1, to see the mid-week Big East match up between BC and Pitt. One night accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Chatham Center is included in the tour, as well as game ticket, round-trip transfers, a welcome dinner, and taxes and gratuities.

The price for the land package is \$175 per person, based on double occupancy. Call Quinwell Travel at 1-800-498-5586 for more information.

Miami: Miami is the last stop on the regular football season for the Eagles. This tour runs Friday, November 22 to Sunday, November 24 and features two nights' accommodations at the Hotel Intercontinental, game ticket, round-trip transfers, a welcome dinner, kick-off breakfast, admission to the pep rally, and taxes and gratuities.

The price for the land package is \$299 per person, based on double occupancy. Call Quinwell Travel at 1-800-498-5586 to register or for more information.

The Miami trip also gives you the option to take advan-

tage of two pre-game cruises from Monday, November 18 to Friday, November 22. The first cruise is to Mexico aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Leeward, which will begin in Miami and call on ports in Key West, Cancun, Cozumel. The Bahamas is your second cruise choice, also from Miami with stops in Freeport, Nassau and CocoCay.

The price for either cruise is \$1,039 per person inside cabin, and \$1,089 per person outside cabin. Both prices are based on double occupancy and include the full Miami football tour described above, as well as round-trip airfare, airport/port transfers and all meals on the cruise.

Please note that the prices for tours in the continental U.S. (with the exception of the Miami pre-game cruises) do not include air transportation due to the tremendous fluctuations in air fares. Quinwell Travel can offer a 5% discount off any published

ticket price for alumni who require air travel from any airport. Contact Kristin Demello at Quinwell Travel directly at 1-800-498-5586 for more information.

And you don't have to be from Boston to join any of these official BC trips. All tours are available to alumni throughout the country. The tour operators are able to custom-make travel arrangements for anyone from anywhere. You also have the option to add on to any of the tours either prior to or after the formal program.

So don't miss a minute of the Eagles' '96 football season! Contact the travel agents listed above to reserve your spot, or call the Alumni Association 1-800-669-8430 for a football tour brochure. Space is limited on all trips, and reservations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis, so act soon to avoid disappointment.

ATLANTA BOUND

Going to the '96 Olympic summer games? Join like-minded alumni from all over the country at a reception hosted by the BC Club of Atlanta and celebrate the Olympic spirit "BC style."



For more information, please send the dates you'll be in Atlanta and the number of people in your group along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Boston College Club of Atlanta, c/o David P. Salter, President, 2085 Roswell Road, NE, Suite 725, Atlanta, Georgia, 30062.

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I received a call from Charlie Brennan '45, a mutual friend, that Ed O'Neil passed away in early January. Please remember him in your prayers. • I am also sorry to report the death of classmate Gerald I. Flynn on April 25, 1995, and also of his wife Mary on August 9. Please remember them in your prayers. • Eugene F. Gorman's daughter, Mrs. Devney, called me to express her sympathy when she read in the magazine recently that my wife Irene had passed away in Feb. last year. She said she always reads the 1925 class notes for any information about Gene's classmates. This is evidence that the class notes are read. • Please send me any news.

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In the last issue of *BCM*, it was reported that Frank Kennedy, having spent a short time in a nursing home, was now comfortably residing in an assisted-living complex in the Bedford area. Now, sadly, it must be reported that Frank joined the heavenly hosts in mid-Nov. His funeral Mass was celebrated at his parish in Waltham. Frank, for many years right up to his retirement, was a high-level executive with the John E. Cain Co., which produces many savory food supplements. To his devoted family, the class extends its prayerful and sorrowful condolences. • Another one of our classmates, Msgr. Christopher C. O'Neill, answered Gabriel's horn in mid-December. Msgr. O'Neill served in many parishes in the Boston Archdiocese; before he was appointed a pastor in Woburn, he was director of Lynn Catholic Charities. Since his retirement, he had been living in his family home in Belmont and pro-

viding clerical services in neighboring parishes when needed. • Please say an occasional prayer for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Bernard McCabe, the wife of one of our classmates. • A healthy summer to all.

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During the past quarter, BC and the Class of 1930 lost two of their most devoted sons. On Dec. 14, the first of our many cold and snowy days, a funeral Mass was celebrated for Rev. Joseph Gough in Sudbury. Fr. Joe had been pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Fatima church in that town. Only a week later, Dr. Garrett L. Sullivan died. He was noted as one of Boston's outstanding ophthalmologists, pioneering in corneal transplants. I first met both of these gentlemen in old Freshman G and followed their careers ever since. May their souls rest in peace. • It is with deep regret I learned of the death of Marge Kenney, widow of Matt Kenney, on Dec. 7, 1995. She was an active participant in the class and attended all its functions. Her pep and enthusiasm will be missed. • Since I am in a reminiscent mood, I happened to read in *The Pilot* on Jan. 12 of the anniversaries of two of my most outstanding professors. The first was that of Rev. Bill Johnson, SJ who died in 1955; the second was the beloved Rev. Frank Sullivan, who died in 1972. To Fr. Bill I am indebted for my love of poetry and literature; and, of course, Fr. Frank was a friend of every member of 1930. We shall never forget them.

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As of this writing, we are pleased to report that the health of the "com-

mand" is favorable. This might be overly optimistic; however, we have no information to the contrary. Probably, considering our station in life, "no news is good news." • On a strictly personal note, your scribe reports that with the coming of Commencement, our 65th anniversary, he will celebrate the occasion (God willing) with his grandson, Neil Deininger, who will be graduating with an AB degree. He also proudly reports that his granddaughter, Melissa Stone, will be completing her first year as a graduate student at BC's School of Social Work. • At this writing, preliminary plans were being made for our annual memorial Mass and luncheon in June. It was quite probable that we would be having a joint meeting with the Class of '32. I'm sure it was a gala occasion. • It appears that our class now numbers about 35, although, as we have not heard from so many of you, this figure may be overstated. Again, your letters, cards or telephone calls would be most appreciated, so kindly let us hear from you or from members of your family in order to make this column more informative. • May we all enjoy a pleasant summer!

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A note from John Wissler: We note with great sadness the passing of John Connor on Feb. 24. As your long-time class correspondent, John was as faithful to his task as he was faithful to his wife, Kay, sons Jack '65 and Bob '73, and daughter Jill. May he rest in peace. • Your current correspondent, Walter Drohan, broke his hip and is on the mend. Please drop him a line.

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An item of interest to our classmates is the following: Both Patricia and John Henry Brougham are under nursing home care at Wingate at Brighton, Room G16, 100 N. Beacon Street, Brighton, MA 02134. They are both recovering from medical surgery at the above-named nurs-

ing home. I have not been able to get to see them as yet, but hope to do so in the near future. I'm told they'd be very happy to hear from or see any classmates and friends. Best regards!

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James G. Fay of Wellesley, salutatorian for our class, a graduate of Harvard Law school and founder of his own law firm, Fay, Flynn and Fay, died last Dec. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth, and seven children, six of whom have degrees from BC. Jim was a leading trial attorney specializing in civil litigation, and a dedicated golfer, having served on the board of directors of Woodlawn Golf Club. • Msgr. John Dillon Day was honored by BC High, from which he was graduated in 1930, with the Ignatian Medal. • Frank Noonan and Bill Carr are both recuperating at their homes after bouts in a nursing home. • Father Charles Anadore and Father Jack Saunders are busy filling in on parish work. • In Feb., George Keleher left Cape Cod for a Florida vacation.

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Since our last report, we went on a bit of a hunt for class members that did not respond to our letter of last fall, and much of the news is good. Some, to be sure, have slowed down a little and probably won't make the volleyball team we are trying to organize for Class Day, but it is encouraging to find out how many are still very active. • Rev. Pat Barrett, now retired in Portland, ME, spent 20 years as an Army chaplain, both in Europe during World War II and in Korea. He still says Mass every day and would be happy to include you in his prayers. So, call him at (207) 874-2830. • Bill Coffey, with his wife Blanche, is living happily in Marshfield Hills. Their extended family now includes four grandchildren. Bill spent most of his career as a manufacturer's rep. in petroleum products, and is still a consultant on industrial waxes. • John Dacey has had a successful career in the glass business as it re-

lates to big building construction. His company designed and installed the windows in many of Boston's buildings, including Mass. General Hospital. His son Brian graduated from BC in the Class of '74. • **Eli Darveau** has been the dentist for all his professional life in Madison, ME, a small town in the Skowhegan area. He and his wife Doris deserve a special award for sending three children to BC: Dick '72, Susan '75 and Peter '77. • **Dom DeStefano**, one of our most successful entrepreneurs, made a very profitable business out of collecting obsolete office forms from businesses and recycling them into high quality paper. He and his wife Rita are very active at the Scituate Yacht Club. His hobbies are cooking and taking motors apart in his workshop. Send him that old lawnmower. • **Bob Clancy** has had a happy and successful life out in the Kansas City area, with a thriving business and a large family—seven children, 15 grandchildren. All four sons and three daughters graduated from Kansas Univ. One of those daughters is married to the mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Bob's wife Phyllis says he's never been sick and has a golf handicap of 14. • **Frank Crimmins** has had a long and distinguished career as an orthopedic surgeon in Rochester, NY, practicing until he was 80 years old. His wife Georgina reports that they have given up spending summers on the Cape, however, because he has trouble getting around. • **John Magee** is enjoying retirement in Sarasota, FL with his wife Margaret, after a lifetime in teaching and school administration. Among his accomplishments are a PhD from UConn, a principalship at the Mahar Regional High School in Orange, service with the Mass. Dept. of Education, and, very important, two sons that graduated from BC: John, Jr. '63 and Mike '70. • **Dan Carney** has had a full and happy life in Arlington, VA with a large family—three children, ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild—and a successful legal career, ending up as chief legal counsel for the US Court of Military Appeals. • **Tom Dowling**, with his wife Ann, has retired to Bessemer, MI, a town in Ann's native area. Tom had a successful wholesale flower business in Boston. • **Bill Harrington**, after 26 years of service at New Hampshire State Hospital in Concord, has retired from his position as senior staff physician. His daughter Virginia and her daughter Suzanne were the first mother and daughter combination to graduate from BC's School of

Nursing. • **Frank Dinan**, now retired with his wife Janet to Sandwich, started out in teaching—at St. Anselm's College and as a principal in the Wakefield schools—and ended up with 30 years of service in the Navy. As a member of the Naval Reserve, he was called back to active duty as a systems analyst, whose job it was to train the officers and crews of new ships in the complex controls of the vessels they would be taking over. This became his second career. • **Bill Hannan**, who made the unbelievable commute from Attleboro to the Heights for four years, has been writing for newspapers ever since. For the past 27 years, he has been with *The Sun Chronicle* in his hometown as a reporter, editorial writer, and columnist. Although semi-retired, he still reviews plays and writes a weekly column. Age has only sharpened his wit and his wisdom. • **Postscript:** In the last six months, we have lost two of our most enthusiastic, loyal friends and members: **Ginny Riley** and **Elmer Rynne**. Ginny was the spirited partner of **Joe Riley**, through all of his social and professional life. She encouraged Joe in everything he did. All of us who knew them well, loved them very much. Your correspondent shared the same classroom with Joe since age 13. He was an outstanding student, as well as a good golfer and tennis player. Elmer will be fondly remembered for his loyalty and generosity. He had lasting loyalty to Alma Mater and to his native Lowell, an economically troubled city. While other businesses were closing on Central St., he hung in there with his sporting goods store—the oldest, he boasted, in the country (est. 1830). He was resourceful enough to get into manufacturing and prospered. Daughter Margaret in her eulogy said, "I recall spending Christmas Eves with him delivering sporting goods to families I didn't know. Pulling up to tenement homes, he would say, 'Just run up, ring the door bell and tell them Merry Christmas,' not realizing the true Santa Claus had arrived until I saw the eyes of these families."

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Very little news this time and not all of it good—it is neither easy nor pleasant to mention the death of

classmates or their families. **Tom Killion**, brother of **Joe Killion**, died in January after a lengthy illness. Tom, back in our BC days, was one of the famous "Knights of the Test Tubes." While at the wake, a couple of his grandchildren mentioned how much Tom had enjoyed the class golf days at Hatherly and the annual luncheon. • **Frank Metz**, after a series of medical problems, died last July. Frank had been living in San Bernardino, CA. I had a nice letter from his son, Frank, Jr., telling me about his father and of his own interests in the class when he learned this year was our 60th. • **Jack McLaughlin**'s sister Kathleen died in February. **Tom Mahoney** attended the wake; **George Mahoney** and **Steve Hart** were at the funeral Mass. Sympathy and prayers of the class are offered to Tom Killion's wife Gertrude, their family and brother Joe; to Frank Metz, Jr.; and to Jack and Gerry McLaughlin and their family. Please remember them in your prayers. • Tom Mahoney was in charge of tickets for our class for Laetare Sunday again this year. Especially noteworthy is that in January, at a Solemn Mass of Investiture in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Tom became a Knight of Malta. Congratulations, Tom! • When reading this we will have celebrated—or about to celebrate—our 60th. Congratulations to all of us, from all of us—happy 60th!

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Another winter has come and gone, the likes of which we hope won't return too often. It started in December, and we had so many storms that we didn't know where to put the snow! • The Alumni Office has mailed me some news of the class that may be ancient, but caught up to me. **Rev. Joseph Hanlon, SJ** of BC High died Sept. 14, 1995. He is survived by a brother John of Amsterdam, NY. He was the brother of the late Mary Oross and the uncle of Susan Oross of Denton, MD. • Thanks to **Charlie Iarobino**, who is so many miles away from us in Ireland, it came to my attention that **Vincent Dunfey** died earlier this year. The Alumni Office notified me that a friend of Vin's—Harold Petersen, chair of the BC economics dept.—gave the eulogy at the re-

quest of Vin's oldest son Fred. Vin loved the outdoors and, since his retirement, spent his time traveling in a camper. Vin loved New Hampshire and had a permanent address there. We are sorry for all of these losses and I do hope we shall remember them in our prayers. • **Tom Saint** took time out from his floor covering consulting business to sail on the recent alumni cruise through the Panama Canal. • I heard from **Tilley Feredenzi**'s daughter about her father's condition. I quote, "Dad is doing really well. He lives in a large one-bedroom apartment with a small kitchen and a balcony which overlooks the woods. It's in an assisted-living community. As you can imagine, the ratio of women to men is very high, which is great for Dad. I never expected the residents would be out for each other the way they are! Dad is a favorite with most of the ladies. He's so wonderful when he has an audience; he dances with them, sings, jokes—it's really amazing how much of his old self he retains. I am enclosing one of the newsletters in which is prominently displayed a picture of him dancing with one of the 25-year-old nurses. Give Dad an audience, and he is in his glory. Classmates can write to him at Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Ave., Woodbridge, VA 22191." • This is all the news I have this time. Let's look forward to better weather that surely must come to make up for the weather we've had. Hope all of you have a good summer. BCing you!

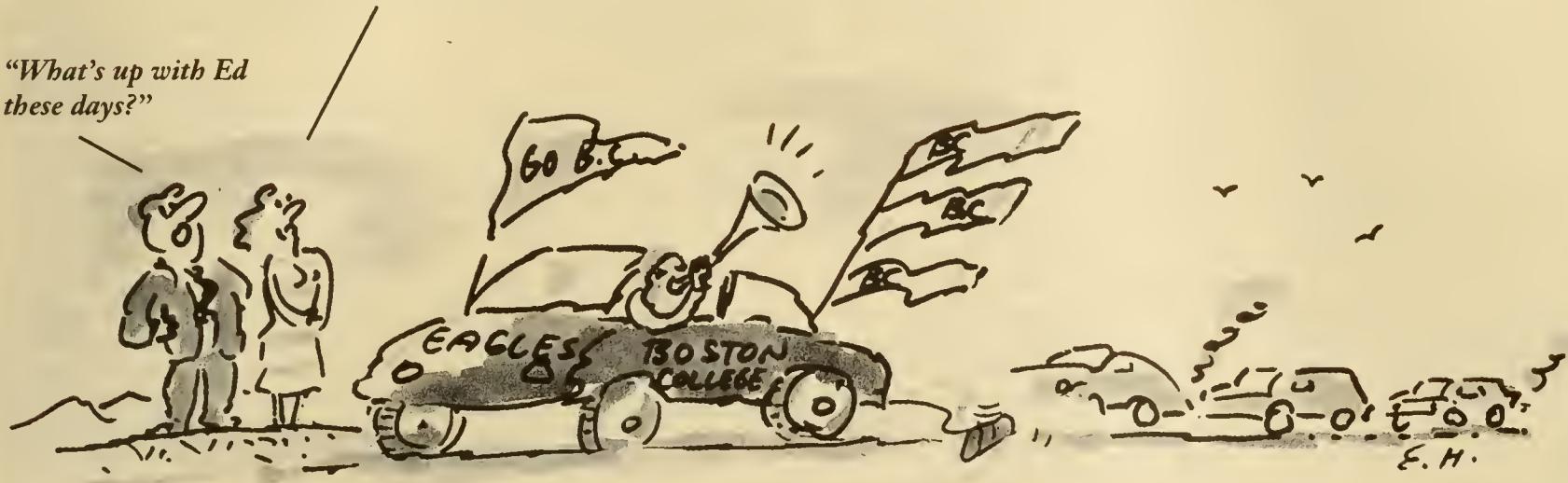
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Received a note from **Frank McMahon**'s daughter, saying that he had passed away. Dr. McMahon had gone to BU Medical School after BC, spent 20 years in the Navy (retiring as captain), had been chief of pathology in a Poughkeepsie, NY hospital and retired in 1982. To Frank's wife, his four children and six grandchildren, we offer our sincere sympathy. • We are also sorry to report the passing of **Rev. Ed King**. Fr. King had been an assistant at St. Mary's in Foxboro, St. Philip's in Boston, St. Peter's in Dorchester and Immaculate Conception in Cambridge. He had served as pastor of Our Lady, Help of Christians in Concord until his retirement in 1988.

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• From the Alumni Office we received notice of the death of **Dick MacDonald**. I think Dick left after sophomore year. • Although it was quite a while ago, we just received notice that **John Carty** passed away. This information was sent by his son John, Jr., a major in the Army. • **John Everett** died Sept. 23, 1995. John was president of the Everett Funeral Home in Natick. His daughter Mary was in the SOE Class of '69, and his son John was in the CSOM Class of '76. Our sincere condolences are extended to all the families of these deceased classmates. May they rest in peace.

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In early Feb., a committee meeting was called by our president, **Paul A. Keane**, to discuss plans for coming events. Those at the meeting were **Charlie Murphy**, **Arthur Sullivan**, **Pete Kerr** and **Bill McCarthy**. On the agenda was Laetare Sunday, held on March 17 with my good friend Tom O'Connor speaking about "Shamrocks on Beacon Hill." On April 28, we had our annual theater event, when we enjoyed *Pirates of Penzance* followed by a cocktail party and dinner in the new Boston Room. • Mary and Arthur Sullivan cruised again, this time to the Panama Canal

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on the recent alumni trip. They joined **Joe Tuscher** on this cruise; Joe had not been in touch for several years. He and his wife journeyed up from Monroe, NY to attend Laetare Sunday on St. Patrick's Day. • **Pete Kerr** has just been elected to another three-year term on the Varsity Club's board of directors. • **Bob Harrington** of San Francisco reports that his two nephews—Mark Mulvoy of *Sports Illustrated* and Tom Mulvoy, editor of the *Boston Globe*—are doing very well. • Received a letter from **Nelson Erickson**. He and the family are vacationing in St. Augustine, FL. Natalie and **Charlie Murphy** have just returned from Florida, and Gina and I have just returned from Bermuda. • Received Season's Greetings and best wishes for a Happy New Year to all of us from **Roy Underwood** in Hawaii. Roy hopes BC can sell its 9,000 BC-UHA football game tickets. Roy reports if anyone is going to the game, his telephone number is 808-395-3051. • Sorry to report the passing of **Rev. John V. O'Connor, SJ** of Washington, DC. He was the director of ecumenical affairs for the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. • Sorry also to report the passing of **Robert J. Burns** of Newton, a decorated World War II veteran and a real estate broker. He was awarded the Silver Star for bravery at Bastogne, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. He leaves his wife Kate and three daughters. • **John J. Kelley** passed away in March. He made his home in Kennebunkport, ME.

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Sorry to report the deaths of the following classmates: **Atty. Walter Herlihy**, on Oct. 12, 1994; **Frederick J. Leahy** of Milton, who died Sept. 28, 1995; **Rev. Joseph R. Desmond, OP**, a native of Charlestown, who died at Providence College on Jan. 25; and **Theodore Ted Heaslip** of Reading, on Feb. 12. I know you'll remember these classmates in your prayers. • Ruth and **Ed Nagle** had a great time on the recent alumni Caribbean cruise which travelled through the Panama Canal. Ed is retired and lives in Pittsfield. • Have a new address for **Jim Byrne**. He now lives with his daughter, Ms. Paula Martin, Foster Road, E. Sandwich; phone is (508) 888-2357.

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My wonderful neighbors Agnes and **Frank Colpoys** were in Florida for the winter, along with Ned Martin, Jim Stanton, Ed McDonald, Jim Cahalane, Ernie Handy, Frank Dever, Jim Hawco, Jack McMahaon and Dick Stiles, most of them in the Naples area, which has an active BC Club. My old friend **Fred Seeley** seems lost without his wife Dorothy; he was going to Samoa in the Pacific just to have something to do. • The Harts, Devers and Handys had a great time at the BC Christmas Chorale concert. • **Bob Muse** has recovered from minor vision problems and was back skiing in the Alps. • My son, Brian Joyce, is a candidate for State Rep. from Milton and Randolph. • Had a nice talk with **Paul O'Hara**, who spends his time walking the high-ways and by-ways of Cape Cod. • **Ernie Handy** has had a remarkable recovery from his second heart by-pass; we two had our first by-passes at the same time in June '85; hope I can skip the second one. • **Joe Hegarty** had a heart attack a year ago; it changed his lifestyle—no more singles in tennis, just relaxing doubles. His wife died two years ago. • **Joe Stanton** had an excellent article in *The Pilot* in December on the Holocaust and the culture of death. • **Tom Clark** passed away in December in Quincy. **Frank Dever** represented our class at his Mass. • Received a late note that **Leon Katz** died in Los Angles in September. • **Rev. William Flynn** EX '42 of Weymouth died in November; he had been very active in the South Shore area. • I received lovely letter from Mary Hansberry about her father, **Martin J. Hansberry**. I had the pleasure of meeting Mary with her father at our 50th reunion. • **Brian B. Sullivan** of Wellesley died in December. He was a former executive of AT&T, former president of the Alumni Association and a religious leader in his parish. Present at his memorial Mass were Jim Cahalane, Frank Dever,

Terry Geoghegan, Tom Hinckley, Bill Quinn, Joe Stanton, Ernie Handy and Eleanor Maguire. Brian's crowning achievement was leading the singing of "Hail, Alma Mater" on Laetare Sunday. • Our annual memorial Mass and luncheon was held on Tuesday, June 4th. • Attending the funeral of ex-mayor John Collins, an old neighbor of mine, makes me realize at our stage in life we are mostly passé; still, it's nice to grow old gracefully and enjoy the time with our grandchildren somehow denied us when our children were young—due mainly to work—so all of us should now be smelling the flowers, giving them away and helping others. Best regards, **Jerry Joyce**.

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(During Marie and **Tom Murray**'s annual winter pursuit of sunshine in Juno Beach, FL, this edition's class notes were written by **Ernie Santosuoso**, who was sweating out his heating bills in B-r-r-aintree). • In the "it's good-to-hear" dept.: The reason for **Herman Vorel**'s successful return to the greens is a restoration of near 20/20 vision. Herman underwent a corneal transplant and cataract removal over two years ago, and reports he "feels great—my golf is better now!" No more hernia misery, either. • It's always sad when news of classmates'—or their family members'—deaths reaches us. **Donald Bonnette**, who lived in Attleboro and was a longtime employee of the Sand & Gravel Co. of Canton, passed away in November. Condolences of the class are also extended to **Jim J. Connolly** on the death in December of his sister Jean. **Dr. John O'Shea**, who retired to Wrentham following a career in psychiatry, and **Larry Ferriter**, who was a supervisor in the US Postal Service, passed away in February. We send our prayers and condolences to their families. • **Rev. Gene McKenna, SSJ** checked in from Houston, where he was scheduled to move to a retirement residence shortly after Easter. Gene is remembered during his two years at BC for his sterling performance in "Corneil." He mentioned **Revs. Bill Commane** and **Joe Lukas** in his letter. Also signing in with notes on their class dues forms were the fol-

lowing: **Tom Kennedy**, who rates extra thanks for his generosity; **Tom Curry**, who now lives in Palm City, FL, although he plans to maintain an apartment in the Westboro area; **Bob Winkler**, who has opted for a class luncheon instead of the fall festival; **Larry Babine** and **Dick Ramsey**, who also voted to overhaul the fall social, and **Joe Sullivan**, who writes that he is temporarily living in Naples, FL. **Bob O'Meara** did another scintillating job of chairing the class at the Laetare Sunday (St. Patrick's Day) Communion Breakfast. At press time he had lined up the following attendees: Ed Lambert, Eleanor and Sam Church, Ruth and John Kelleher, Peg and Dick Ramsey, Jean and Joe Hurley, Carol and Joe Finnegan, Janet and Ernie Santosuoso, Mary and Paul Good, Dan O'Sullivan, Dr. Jack Murphy, Tom Antico, Tom Manning and the aforementioned Bob's spouse Helen. (Some years back, this writer suggested to Tom Murray that he arrange for a satellite transmission of the Laetare Sunday event to Florida, in view of the number of '43ers who invade the Sunshine State each winter!) Also heard from through the dues network: Dr. George O'Hara, Mike Holovak, Bob Crowley, Charlie Watson, Jim Considine, Jim J. Connolly, John Bellissimo and Frank Hill, who toughed out a chunk of winter in Naples. **Ed McGilvery**, successfully healed following leg surgery, rejoins the tour with full vigor soon, and wishes to be counted in on the golf reunion in June. His daughter Judy, son Ted and spouses flew down to Ft. Myers in November to surprise Ed and Kay with a golden anniversary bash. Congratulations from all of us. • Talk about paying dues: **Frank McCann** and his wife were burned out of their home last October and were living in Hampton Beach. They hoped to return to their North Andover home in April. • Congratulations to Bob Crowley, Jr., new president of the BC Club of Springfield. His parents are Pat and **Bob Crowley**. • Class theater maven **Eddie O'Connor** rates rave reviews for his smash play-cum-buffet at Robsham Theater. The play was *The Pirates of Penzance*, and after the curtain was dropped, classmates moved next door to the college's handsome new dining hall. (We've come a long way from the days of Sully's 15-cent beef stew!) • **Jim Considine** reports that he and his wife Nancy met Ed Myers' widow Maureen through this column. Seems both have homes in Harwichport and now they're good friends. • Eleanor Honey Canale re-

called 52 golden years with her beloved **Rocco**. She heard from Mike and Pauline Holovak, who disclosed the former's plans to retire from the Houston Oilers in February. She also notes that **Bob Butler** was ill. Get well soon, Bob. • The class extends its sympathies and prayers to the family of **Andy Carnegie** upon the death of his wife Priscilla, who passed away in Feb. Priscilla is the sister of **Bob Killoran**.

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More congratulations to **Gene Bertolli** of Meriden, CT who, in December, was inducted into the Meriden Hall of Fame for his work in the arts and public service. For over 38 years, Gene designed the major portion of Napier Jewelry and Giftware's line and has won many international jewelry design competitions. He has also been active in his community, having served many years as a member and officer of the Meriden Board of Education, and the Meriden Public Library board of trustees. He is also listed in many "Who's Who" publications, and has lectured on jewelry design and sculpture throughout the US and abroad. Gene is married to the former Jean Tambourine, an artist and sculptor in her own right. They have their own studio in Meriden and have two children, a son and a daughter. • **Fran and Fred Anderson** brought us up to date on one of the most memorable trips they enjoyed last fall through the Holy Land, Israel, and Rome. They renewed their marriage vows at Cana, carried the Cross on the Via Dolorosa, and had an audience with the Pope. They are still enjoying their quiet lives overlooking their lake in Gilmanton, NH which, Fred adds, is (aka) Peyton Place. • Congratulations and best wishes to long-time bachelor Atty. **Al McDermott** of Washington, DC—who last fall was married to Krieks Van Koppen in Washington with **Msgr. Joe Alves** officiating. She is a pediatric nurse at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Al is Counsel to the Government Affairs Committee of the US Senate. • The sympathy of the class is extended to the family of **Sumner M. Greenfield** of Brewster, a retired professor at UMass, who died February 4. Sumner was a World War II Army Air Corps vet-

eran who, after BC graduation, earned a master's and doctorate in Spanish Literature at Harvard, becoming a specialist in Spanish Literature of the 20th century. Sumner was a professor at UMass-Amherst from '51 to '84. He leaves his wife Marilyn; a son, Phillip L. of Maryland; a daughter, Francey E. Cohen; and four grandchildren. • Our sympathy also to the family of **Phillip E. Carey** of E. Bridgewater, who died Nov. 30. He had just opened the Bridgewater town meeting as moderator—a position he had held 35 years—when he collapsed. Phil was an all-American hockey goalie at BC before serving in the Marines in the Pacific, where he was seriously wounded in the battle for Truk. After his service discharge, he obtained his degree at BC and settled in E. Bridgewater. He was active in the Legion, was state treasurer and served on national committees. He was a member of the town planning board, the town school committee, and for 32 years was the veteran's agent for the town. He leaves his wife Helen; two daughters, Kathleen Gillette of Colorado and Colleen Carey Rosenberg of E. Bridgewater; and four grandchildren.

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I am very pleased to report that **Rev. Francis X. Turke**, pastor of St. Agatha's church in Milton, was elevated to the rank of Monsignor in a ceremony at the residence of Cardinal Bernard Law, Archbishop of Boston. Msgr. Turke was pastor of Holy Family Church in Duxbury from 1975 until moving to Milton in 1981, and for three years has been interim regional vicar for the north region of the Boston archdiocese, overseeing 80 parishes from Chelsea to Ipswich. As pastor of St. Agatha's, one of the South Shore's largest parishes, Msgr. Turke has emphasized liturgical education through the parish school and Christian Doctrine classes. He also organized an outreach program to serve needy people, including the elderly, chronically ill and homebound. Congratulations, Msgr. Turke, from all of your classmates. • Despite snow falling and icy streets, a great time was had by all at our BC-BU hockey night on Jan. 12. It was one of the best hockey games I've seen, with BC tying BU

at 4. The game went into overtime and remained tied at the end, with BU winning the shoot-out. In attendance were Eileen and **Tom Colbert**, Jane and **John Larivee**, Dorothy and **Doug MacGillivray**, Claire and **Dave Hern**, Betty and **Ed Burns**, Phyllis and **Carl Galante**, MaryLou and **Jack McCarthy**, **Bill Cornyn**, Connie and **Jack Kineavy**, Clair and **Tom Loftus** and Lillian and **Lou Sorgi**. The food, as usual, was very good—mixed with reminiscing of our Golden Eagle weekend. There are no further events planned until the fall, so you have plenty of time to send me your suggestions. • Claire and Tom Loftus were on the alumni cruise through the Panama Canal. Other BC tour-goers were amazed how shy Tom was. Sure! • I know by now that you've received your 50th anniversary yearbook, and I want to thank you for the complimentary notes **John Hogan** and I have received. As you can imagine, a project of this magnitude will have some omissions and problems. It was not possible to use all of the pictures and information submitted by all of you. It was very difficult to find an accurate listing of our class because of the confusion World War II created. It took many hours of research in the archives to come up with the list as published in the book. In any event, I believe this book was one of the best produced to date, so enjoy it, and once again thanks to John Hogan for his chairmanship of this outstanding project. • Congratulations to Doug and Dorothy MacGillivray on the birth of their 13th grandchild—a baby boy! • **Paul Marble** is doing very well following surgery of an aneurysm on his aorta. • The sympathy of the class is extended to the families of **Rev. John F. Harrington** of the Maryknoll fathers, who passed away Dec. '95; **Rev. Roger A. McQuarrie, OFM** of St. Petersburg, FL, formerly of Lynn, who passed away Sept. '95; and **William J. Costello** of Naples, FL, who passed away in Oct. '95. Bill was from Concord, where he was chief of police. • Thanks again to all of you who sent in dues for this year; a good treasury certainly makes it easier to operate. • Also, just at presstime, Carl Galante died suddenly on March 27. Our deepest sympathies to his wife, Phyllis.

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Little to report from correspondence, except to say that class president **Tom Moran** reports he was less than enchanted with the treatment he received on his visit to South Bend last fall. Four of his sons joined him, but to his dismay his simple visit to the men's room brought out Fascist tendencies in the ushers, who said that once Tom left to answer nature's call, he couldn't return to his seat. One of Tom's sons was celebrating his 20th anniversary from West Point, where he had been a member of the varsity hockey team. • Sorry to report the death of **Fred Nedvins**. He died of leukemia. He had been northeast regional sales manager for Dell Publishing Co. He leaves his wife and three children.

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A very successful luncheon meeting was held by our Board of Directors on Dec. 1, 1995 on Newton Campus. Fathers **Angelo Loscocco** and **John Flynn** concelebrated Mass in the Law School Chapel before lunch. Mass was offered for our 59 classmates who have gone to their eternal reward. It's hard to believe that so many have already passed away. Father Flynn gave a wonderful homily, "The Spirit of Cooperation," a very meaningful sermon. Alumni Association executive director John Wissler was our guest speaker. He devoted most of his remarks to our upcoming 50th Anniversary. We had a very interesting question and answer session as to how we might celebrate it. The level of participation and cooperation was great. Father Flynn offered to chair a symposium for our reunion and **Bill Noonan** quickly offered to co-chair. Also offering to help with our 50th

were **Larry O'Brien**, **Joe Donahue** and Milton's **John Corcoran**. Fathers Loscocco and Flynn offered to again concelebrate Mass for us. **Jim Calabrese** again offered to chair the Laetare Communion Breakfast. It was unanimously decided that we would have an April get-together consisting of Mass, lunch and attendance at the play "Pirates of Penzance." **Paul Ryan** and **Warren Watson** volunteered to chair this event. • Those that attended the luncheon in addition to the members of your Board of Directors were Bernie Travers, Frank Dunn, Bob Foy, Paul Waters, Paul Ryan, and Al DeVito as well as Fathers Loscocco and Flynn. • Recently had a nice conversation with **Neil Scanlon** of Simsbury, CT who tells me that his health is not all that good, but in spite of it, he still teaches a class at UConn Law School. He's also still an active member of the State Labor Relations Board. His big news is that his oldest daughter has just been promoted to Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, and is chief engineer on an ammunition ship. This young lady is the mother of two children—how's that for a challenge! Neil and Pat have five grandchildren. • If you see **Paul Waters** tooling around town sporting a beautiful Naval Academy jacket and cap, it's because his oldest grandson, Bobbie Monahan, graduated from Annapolis last May. • **Ed O'Brien** took the alumni tour through the Panama Canal in Feb. He was delighted to see an old friend, Len Frisoli. Ed is retired from the CIA and lives in Vienna, VA. • It is of interest to note that 93 members of the class gave \$36,328 to BC this past year. A generous group, I would say! • **Paul Ryan** has retired from Somerset Savings Bank where he was senior VP, prior to having been senior VP of Baybank Middlesex for 22 years. Two of his five children are BC grads, and Paul and his wife have 6.5 grandchildren. • Jim Calabrese's daughter Jennifer is now director of MIS for the District Attorney in Norfolk County.

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Class president **Bill McCool** has indicated that a busy agenda of class activities will once again take place this year. A golf day and dinner-dance was held in the spring and a

football event is planned for the fall. We hope the football team will have a successful season, which begins on Aug. 31 with a game in Hawaii and ends Nov. 23 with a game in Miami. • Speaking of warm places, we spoke to **Peter Rogerson** in Naples, FL. He indicated he met **John Dougherty**, among others, at a social function conducted by the BC Club of Naples. • We are saddened to hear of the deaths of several of our classmen: **Herbert Hatem, MD** of Methuen, who left his wife Joan, three daughters and six sons; **Joseph M. O'Donnell** of Walpole, who left his wife Marie and a daughter and son; and **Richard M. Riley** of Middleton, a retired attorney, who is survived by wife Claire, two sons and daughters. Our prayers to all family members of these fine men.

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I received a letter from **Richard Gallant** of Dayton, OH. He wants to be remembered to **Bob Harwood**, our class president, whom he spent a lot of time attending class with while at the Heights. • **Garrett J. Connolly** of Summit, NJ died Dec. 8, 1995 after a short illness. He had been executive director of the New Jersey College Fund Association in East Orange. He also worked as an executive for First Investors, New York. A member of the National Association of Social Workers, the Democratic Club of Summit, and the Summit Junior Baseball League, he had also been president of the St. Teresa's PTA and the Holy Name society. Garrett was a veteran of World War II. He served in the US Navy in the South Pacific. He is survived by his wife Dolores, four children—Garrett Jr., Jeffrey, Paula and David—and four very loving grandchildren. • **Arthur T. Roberts**, professor emeritus and retired head of the accounting department at the Univ. of Baltimore, died Aug. 5, 1995 while vacationing in Atlantic City, NJ. Colleagues and family members said Dr. Roberts, who lived in Timonium, MD, will best be remembered as mentor to many Univ. of Baltimore students. "The students loved him," said Phillip J. Korb, assistant professor in the accounting department. "He would do anything for [the students]." "He loved teaching; that was his whole life," said his

wife Joan. "He much preferred being in a classroom to serving as an administrator." • **Alfred I. Murray**, a former field representative for the Mass. Lottery Commission, died Dec. 21, 1995 in his Norwood home. Al was born in Peabody and graduated from Peabody High in 1941. He entered BC on a football scholarship and played one year before joining the US Navy during World War II. He returned to BC after the war and played football his last three years. After graduation, he worked for the Schlitz Brewery for many years before joining the Lottery Commission, where he worked for 17 years. He retired in 1992. • **Dr. Savino Placentino** died Dec. 14, 1995 at his home in Holliston. He was an educator in the Holliston school system from 1961 to 1991, where he served as teacher, principal, director of elementary education and superintendent of schools. The class extends to their families our deepest sympathy. • The sympathy of the class is extended to **Joe Gallagher** whose mother, Mary, passed away recently at the age of 98—or according to friends and relatives, possibly a few years older! • Eleanor and **Emil Strug** were participants in the recent alumnae Panama Canal cruise. • On Dec. 15, 1995, I set foot on the mainland of Antarctica at Paradise Bay. It was the seventh and final continent that I have visited. I was told by Marine Excursions of Toronto, who ran the chartered trip, that there are less than 50,000 people now alive on the Earth that can qualify for that distinction. Another first! On Feb. 22, I left for an 11-day trip to Fatima, Portugal and Santiago, Spain. The 900-year-old shrine there has one of the largest churches in Christendom. It's slightly older than Notre Dame in Paris. On Dec. 8, 1995, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, I happened to be in both Chile and Argentina. It is not only a holy day, but a first-class holiday in both countries. Everything is closed: government, banks, schools, etc. Chile is 95% Catholic and Argentina is 88%. It was great to know that this law prevails from Spanish colonial days.

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Remember when we commuted to school, and those of us from Dorchester, Jamaica Plain or Newton often wondered how our classmates could make the trip from Worcester or the North or South Shore in one day? After reading all the notes received recently, I was mindful of the many changes in our lives over the years. Of course, some still remain locally: Bob Quinn, Roger Connor, Lex Blood, Nyal McA'Nulty, Paul Stanton, J. Barry Driscoll, Charlie Barrett, Bill Meavey—all of Milton, along with Frank McDerinott, whose six children have graduated from college; Dick Driscoll, Chestnut Hill; Bob Desmond and Frank Vaughan, who has retired and spends time with his nine grandchildren, Arlington; Gene Giroux of Weston, who spends summers on the Cape; Mike McCarthy, Braintree; Marguerite Munster, Dorchester; Ed Goulart, Cambridge; Charlie Daly and Paul Nolan, Walpole; Maryalice Gallagher, Waltham; and Joe Ottaviano, also of Waltham, who is practicing law, has four grandchildren and is former president/owner of Rubber Right Rollers, Inc. His son Stephen has taken over the company and son Joseph is in the computer business in Texas. Larry W. Sullivan is in Needham; Bernie Dwyer is in Waban. Joe Sheehan is in Winthrop, as is Dick Bangs, who retired from Raytheon after 40 years; Steve Casey, Belmont; Jerry Dacey and Bernie O'Sullivan, Weymouth; Frank Sullivan, Hingham; Howard MacRae, Hull; Jim Kenneally and Vincent Power, Medford; Bernie Cullen and George Gallant, Stoughton; and Bob Shannon, Winchester. I met John Kellaher down in Yarmouth this winter as he was heading home to Concord; Pat Chard O'Neil is in Norwood, and Stan Curley, also of Norwood, celebrated his 75th birthday recently. His daughter, Sister Marie Paul, recently took her final vows at Daugh-

ters of St. Paul. Stan's youngest child (of 12) is a junior in college; Stan has eight grandchildren. Peter Genovese, North Reading; Fred Meagher, Westwood and also Tom McElroy, who retired from Raytheon after 26 years. Tom is currently working as a consultant of proposal developments. Charlic Hanafin is in Burlington; at this writing, he has 38 grandchildren who will be out cheering for Charlie's youngest of 11, Dan, who plays football for BU. On the North Shore, we have Jim Callahan, Bill Newell, Mary McLaughlin, Anthony Massaro, Fred O'Sullivan and Bill Terrio. On the South Shore we find Rita McGowan, Herb Emilson and Anthony Loscocco. Further out in Sudbury are John Paul Sullivan and Gerry Cleary. Dr. Art Powell is in Holden. Also in that vicinity are Joe Muscato, Isabel Markey Gallagher, Joe Shay, Henry Gailianos and Tom Hannon, Marlboro. Tom retired from Guaranty Fund Management Services. Bob Early, Framingham, who may head south if the cold winters go on; Dr. Kirwin MacMillan is in Bradford. Frank O'Leary, Marlboro, will retire mid '96 and will head to Davenport, FL. John Loughman is enjoying life in Westfield; neighbor Bill Gauthier, E. Longmeadow, has accepted the fact that Springfield is not all he was led to believe! Dave Murphy, Pittsfield, has ten grandchildren, is retired from Stevenson & Co. and spent the winter in Naples. Members of the clergy are scattered; we find Fr. Hugh O'Regan in Chinatown; Tom Murray in Natick; Paul McCarrick, Fall River; Henry Jennings, Somerville; Joe Wilson, North Billerica; Paul Curran, Canton; Peter Martocchio, Weymouth and John McElroy, Avon. Fr. John McIntyre, SJ went beyond the Archdiocese and is teaching at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Full-time Cape Codders include Pat Clancy, Ed Gallivar, Bill Costello, Mary Garbutt, Jim Moroney, Jay Hughes, Dick Tilley, Charlie Stutzman and Bill Fandel. Splitting the Cape and Florida are Al Sexton, Jim Mulrooney, Dick McLaughlin and Dick Ring, soon to be joined by Paul Clinton, who recently retired but will continue to be a director of several mutual fund companies. Dr. Hugh McCarthy, Gloucester, spends winters in Florida, as does Jack Donovan of Rochester, NY. Other New Englanders include Dr. Richard Fleming, CT; Charlie O'Donnell, ME; Frank Hennessy, VT; Paul Lockwood and Joe Carr, RI, and

from New Hampshire we heard from Bill Doherty, Phil Frazier, Joe O'Shaughnessy, Jack Leary and Al Casassa. Regards from NY from John Kastberg, Jack Murray and Joe Chisholm—whose daughters, Stephanie '84 and Hillary, were recently married. Larry Vachon and Frank Hogan said "hello" from Pennsylvania. From Florida we heard from Dick Shuman, Paul Smith, Charlie Sheehan, Bob Doherty, Dick Mayo—who recently moved from Salisbury, MD to St. Petersburg, Nick Loscocco, Dick O'Connor and Jim Leonard, who seems to keep busy traveling in Florida. Also down south we find Hugh Donaghue, DE; Joe Cunningham, Gerry Beaulieu and Bob Shea, MD; Kenneth Flynn and Bob Suleski, who does some skiing in Utah on the Black Diamond Trails, are in Williamsburg, and Paul Donovan, Bob Gaughan and John Healy are also enjoying life in Virginia; Bob Pete Lupien has been away from N.E. since '54 and is enjoying his grandchildren and North Carolina weather. Tom O'Connell, Jekyll Island, GA, sends regards. Jim Nichols is in St. Paul, MN, and John Ricci wrote he has retired after six years as VP/executive director of the Milwaukee Ronald McDonald House after 32 years as pupil services director in Milwaukee. Tim O'Connell, Chagrin Falls, OH is retiring from LTV Steel as marketing manager. Maybe he and Fran Duggan will make a comeback with the Celtics! Dick Schwartz, San Jose, is planning to return to Boston for the 100th Boston Marathon. One classmate who really changed the commuting distance is Joe Gracet, who is living in Tokyo. He is semi-retired and spends time in Hawaii and Lithuania, where he will do some teaching. As you can see, we have really scattered about since graduation. • I'm sorry to report the death of John Gredy, who passed away in December. John lived in Orono, where he was superintendent of schools. Also that of John Barnes, who passed away in June. John was formerly of Haverhill.

of the Year" by the mayor on United Nations Day. Bill has been publisher of the *National Catholic Reporter* (NCR) since February '86, and has been involved in travels to Central America, Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Vietnam and South Africa—all the sought-out destinations in the world! • **Paul Kelley, Esq.** serves as council to Peabody & Arnold in Boston and practices workers' compensation, social security and retirement systems. • On Wed., June 5, the class held a golf outing at Wayland Country Club. Classmates had the choice to participate in either a full day of golf followed by a delicious barbecue, or just the barbecue. • President **Paul Coughlin** thanks one and all for participating in the \$25 class dues campaign. Your support is great and appreciated. • Marie and **Joe Ryan** were participants in the recent alumni cruise through the Panama Canal. Joe is in the insurance business in Vernon, CT. • Congratulations to **Jim Wholey**, **Walter Corcoran** and **Tom Vanderslice**. Jim was among the group of alumni who took part in the first alumni service project to Jamaica. He left in early March for a week of service to the poor in the Kingston area. Walter notified us that his daughter Anne gave birth to triplets. That makes grandchildren #24, 25 and 26 for him and Janet. Tom and Peg honored Tom's parents at a reception that dedicated BC's newest and most impressive dormitory in their names. • Heard from retirees (how many classmates still working?) **Stan Karp** (from Raytheon in CA); **John Gravallese** (from GE Aircraft in Salem); and **Gerald Spike Boyle** (from the insurance business in Woburn). **Jim Welch** and **Ed Dugan** Who's careers covered a full page. **Pat Cacase**, retired Marine Corps colonel, says he's looking forward to our 45th. He's going to challenge his classmates to join him in doing 45 push-ups. • Enjoyed hearing fish (excuse me, golf) stories from **Jack Coleman**, **Al Lennon** and **Bob Mullin**. Bob owns Dwyer and Mullin Real Estate in Cohasset; his soul mate is **Ed**

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At the end of October '95, Bill McSweeney received yet another honor at a dinner in Kansas City, MO; he was named "World Citizen

LOST AND FOUND

Recently turned in by a former BC employee: a men's wedding ring, lost approximately 25 years ago outside Gasson Hall. The inscription reads "WD-AK, 2/26/49." For more info., contact the Alumni Office at (800) 669-8430.

QUESTION

When is your business card more than a business card?

ANSWER

When it becomes a BC chair, a BC watch or two tickets to the Notre Dame game!

How does this work? It's simple! Just mail your current business card to Boston College Information Services, More Hall Room 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167-3819 before July 31. In August, three business cards will be drawn at random and the lucky winners will receive one of the prizes listed above. Good luck!

Hanlon of Hanlon Shoe fame. • As we get to this time in our lives, we must suffer the losses of good friends: Donald J. MacIsaac, Joseph F. Coughlin, Jeremiah E. Donovan, Joel Solomon, Paul J. Pecukonis, John F. Mannix and John G. Haggerty. They and their families will always be on the minds and in the hearts of their classmates.

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Joe and Louise Conlin should be back from their trip to Florida by now, unless this bitter cold weather caused a change in their plans. Last June they traveled to Northern Europe. They also had occasion to visit Louise's sister Conny and husband Harry at their home in Jamaica. They then traveled to Canada where Joe worked as a consultant for a couple of days. Last Aug, their whole family joined together to celebrate Joe's mother's 90th birthday. • **Ann Fulton Cote** wrote to say that she continues to work at Belmont Hill. I've run into some of the students at Belmont Hill, and they speak glowingly of Ann's kindness to them at school. Her son, Owen Jr., has recovered from cancer, but her brother Jimmy died Feb. 10 from brain cancer. Our condolences to Ann and

her family. Ann reported that she had attended the Mass at Newton last May on Reunion Weekend. She had a wonderful time visiting with people from the Class of 1950 who were there for their 45th reunion. Hopefully some of us will be able to attend the Mass this Reunion Weekend. Life can get so busy, it isn't always easy to make the time, but hopefully this year will be different. • Kevin's wife Liz just had their second child, a son whom they named Grant Meade (shades of the fighting North in the Civil War!). He joins his sister, Meghan Elizabeth. He is my eighth grandchild. Luckily, I had Feb. vacation from school at the time, and was able to spend many hours with my grandchildren. It's great having older grandchildren to entertain the younger ones. • This summer we are all planning to get together with my sister-in-law Joan Slattery Donaldson (Manhattanville '51), her husband and their five children—plus their four grandchildren—at the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Hopefully the older ones will still entertain the younger ones! • Please write with news. The next deadline is May 31.

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Last December, **Richard Donahue** reported to us from Salem, NH. He advises us that he has been retired for two years and is concentrating on the restoration of antique cars. He enclosed a picture of his 1930 Ford Model A roadster that has won him several prizes. Sounds like a great hobby. Dick also works part time at Rockingham Park. • **Bill Donahoe** dropped a line from Edison, NJ saying that his youngest son, Patrick, is a captain in the Army and is scheduled to go to Bosnia. (We should remember him in our prayers). His other children are spread all over the country and the world. • Just recently, we heard from Albert Murphy '55 that his brother **Paul Murphy** was involved in a serious automobile accident back in November of '94. He is progressing very slowly and is presently living with his brother at 44 Samoset Street, Dorchester, MA 02124. A note of encouragement and your prayers would be appreciated. Paul has served as a judge for a number of years in the West Roxbury District Court. •

Last winter, we were pleased to hear from **Herb McCauley**, who is VP of information management for the Harris Co. in Melbourne, FL. Herb tells us he had a great time at the 40th reunion—an event that resulted in three mini-reunions. The first came about when **Jack Irwin, Jack Parker** and Herb, along with their wives, met in Naples. They learned at the 40th that they were all going to be in the same area in early January, and decided to meet. The second and third minireunions occurred when **Gerry Massell** and his wife Betty invited the '54ers in the New York/New Jersey area to their home in Red Bank, NJ. The date that was selected turned out to be the weekend of the '94 BC-ND game. Needless to say, it resulted in a great celebration. Gerry and Betty decided to repeat the invitation in '95 at the same BC-ND weekend. It was another great time, even if the Irish held to win in a hard-fought game. Present at the Massell's were Herb and Marge McCauley, Louise and **Phil Dillon**, along with '53ers Conny and Grace Ryan, Joe and Mary Ahearn and Ed and Marge Wall. On another bit of good news, Herb reports that he was a member of the winning golf foursome in the Sept. SkyTel US Corporate Golf Championship in Williamsburg, VA. The Harris Co. donated the winning proceeds to charity. Nice going, Herb! • We have learned that **James F. Gibbons**, who retired as Lt. Cmdr. in the US Navy, passed away in California in December '95. • When the next issue reaches you, we will be reporting on Laetare Sunday and the mini-reunion at Eastover Lodge in the Berkshires.

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Dateline—February 27, 1996 —Stop the presses! Late-breaking news has been released by the *Boston Globe* in the Names and Faces column. The Boston Bar Association, in conjunction with the Huntington Theatre Company, will be presenting *The Trial of Hamlet* —whereby Shakespeare's Hamlet will be determined guilty or not guilty by reason of insanity for the murder of Polonius. Our own **Dick Renahan** is one of several "prominent Boston attorneys" trying the case, with Supreme Court Justice Anthony M.

Kennedy presiding. The list of experts being called upon to testify is very impressive! Some of us in the local viewing area may get to see it on the telly later this spring. • **Jim Alvord** sent a wonderful and newsy note from Connecticut. He remains active in sales with service industries and, being true to the Jesuit tradition, is also involved in church activities. Jim enjoys being involved in politics. His wife Barbara '59 is a public health nurse and does a lot of AIDS counseling. Barbara and Jim experienced the first of their children entering married life when son James was married on New Year's Eve. James, Paul and John are all in the graphic design field; daughter Mary is a teacher and is working on her doctorate at Columbia Teachers' College. John, in addition to teaching graphic design, is pursuing a master's in art education. Daughter Buffy (Elizabeth) is graduating this year from Manhattanville. Jim also reported that **Jim Zoeller** and **Paul Bernier** had wanted to join us in May but were unable to. Both Jim and Paul are in St. Louis, where Jim reassumed the chapter presidency last year. • **Marie Considine Heffernan** and her husband Tim report that **Mary Jane Kelly Dempsey** and **Pat Schaefer Romelfanger** are well. Marie and Tim visited both while in California for the wedding of their daughter Ruth. • **Thelma** and **Giles Mosher** were participants in the recent alumni trip around the Caribbean and through the Panama Canal. • Help wanted: graduates from each decade of the School of Nursing, to help plan a "Through the Decades" segment of the 50th anniversary celebration. The celebration will be in April of '97. If you can help out in any way, on any committee, please call Joellen Hawkins at (617) 552-4252 or Mary Ellen Doona at (617) 552-4269. If you want to chat about the decade celebration, please feel free to call me at the number listed at the top of the column. • Several of us from the class almost went to a performance of the new musical *Curley*. Our reservations were made, a 10% deposit accepted and then the first problem. The representative from Group Tix called to say that another group was booked for the same afternoon. He wanted me to restrict the number of reservations to 20 less than I had contracted for. I emphatically told him I could not do that when I had an unrestricted reservation form, except for the closing date. I was subsequently told that if we reached the maximum we had agreed to, it would be okay; both

groups could be accommodated. In January, a week after receiving our final reservation and the check for the balance having been sent, I was called and told I would have to arbitrarily cancel 21 reservations. Ethically I couldn't do this, so I canceled the whole thing. Representatives of Group Tix and later, the producer of *Curley*, found it difficult to understand why I would not re-book. Hmm! I was successful in getting all of our money back. • By now, all of you who ordered reunion pictures have received them, so I'm certain you want to join me in thanking **Jerry Donohue** and his committee for their hard work in attempting to identify everyone. If I try to name all who helped him, I know I'll leave someone out, so I won't attempt it. • As I come to the end of this column, written during the first full week of Lent, I have to pause and think that we have three classmates who will be enjoying Easter in its fullest glory this year. **Bill Flanagan**, **Dr. Bill Callahan** and **Jim Kane**—as well as Jean O'Neil's sister Lisa—will all celebrate it safe in eternal life with Christ. I offer prayers and an understanding heart to their families and hope that each time they hear or sing this verse from the "Battle Hymn of the Republic"—"In the beauty of the lilies/Christ was born across the sea/with the glory in His bosom/He transfigured you and me/As He died to make us holy/[and, if I can adapt the words] He has died to make us free [to go safely home to Him]"—they will experience a feeling of comfort and peace.

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This column should reach you shortly before our 40th anniversary reunion on Commencement Weekend, May 17-19 (somehow I had reported it earlier as May 18-20, but I'm sure you followed the date in the reunion information packet). I won't bore you by listing all of the events, since you have received the informa-

tion packet, but the next column will have details. • Likewise, there will be reports on attendance at the Laetare Sunday Mass and Communion Breakfast on March 17 and the Mass, dinner and theater event on April 27th. Incidentally, **Peter Colleary** worked with **Claire Hoban McCormack** on the Laetare Sunday tickets for us this year, because **Jack McCarthy** and Mary were in Florida. • If you've been wondering why **Bob Eagle** is seldom seen at our reunion events, it's because he's busy with his theater group, the Reagle Players. They perform at the auditorium of Waltham High School, where Bob is the school system's director of English drama. For 28 years, they have provided Broadway-level entertainment at non-Broadway prices, including actors and actresses who play the lead roles on Broadway. If you're around the Boston area in June, July or August, and you like musicals, you would enjoy their performances. The schedule for this summer had not been set at this writing, but you can get information by calling the Reagle Players' box office at (617) 891-5600. • We had 43 signed up for tickets to the class reception and the hockey game with BU on Jan. 12, but only 28 attended because New England served up a major dose of snow, ice and freezing rain. Among the brave (insane?) were **Lou Ricci**, who brought along 11 children and grandchildren, **Carolyn Kenney Foley** and Dan, **George Cartier** and Jan, **Fred Hickey** and Natalie, **Arthur Reilly** and Mimi, **Leo Power** (his wife, Kathleen, didn't make it out of Framingham), **Claire Hoban McCormack** and Leo, **Ernestine Bolduc**, **Frank Furey** and Pat, and Peter Colleary and Bea. Marie and I had a conflict that night, but we didn't make that either. Carolyn reported that the game wound up in a tie, followed by a series of penalty shots by players from both teams, which caused mass confusion among the class. She later found out that the penalty shots are provided to settle league standings under a new rule, since a tie gives each team two of the five possible points. • A letter from **Roberta Hazard** that was passed along to me says that she has finished her stint on the Task Force on Quality of Life created in Feb. of last year by the Secretary of Defense to improve conditions for those in the Armed Services. The task force submitted its final report in Oct. after "nine long months of travel, discussions, meetings, strategic planning and endless writing and briefing." She

has no plans to take part in another task force this year (if ever again?). • **Marjorie and Tom Reis** took time away from Medfield to participate in the recent alumni cruise through the Panama Canal. • **Tom Drohan** is handling public relations for Education Alternatives, Inc., in Hartford, CT. The company has a two-year contract to manage the Hartford public school system. • We ask your prayers for class members and relatives who have passed away recently. **Charles Holt** of Peabody died in Sept. He was a manager at J.J. Donovan, Inc., of Boston. He leaves his wife, Deborah. • **Kevin A. Burns** of Newton died in Oct. Kevin was the former owner and president of John T. Burns Insurance Agency of Newtonville. He leaves his wife, Lucille, two daughters and a son. • **Jim Lordan** of Arlington died in Dec. Jim was a retired senior VP of State Street Bank and was executive director of the New England School of Banking. In his retirement, Jim had conducted banking seminars in Prague, Bratislava and Kiev. He leaves his wife, Janice, a daughter and three sons, two brothers and four grandchildren. • **Henry Quarles** of Dedham died in Jan. An attorney, he had retired from government service. Hank's stories had enlivened class committee meetings and class events in the last few years, and he was looking forward especially to this reunion, having invited some classmates to stay at his home. He leaves his wife, Dorothy, and four daughters. • Lastly, **Dan Gearty** of Concord lost his son, Chris, a U.S. Maritime officer, who was on an oil tanker that sank off the island of Aruba on Jan. 31. Our condolences go to their families. • Thanks again for the notes and telephone calls; it's a pleasure to hear from you and pass the news along.

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The class board of directors recently elected **James D. Turley** to be chairman of our 40th anniversary pro-

gram. Jim has chaired several board meetings over the last few months, with an eye toward building an appropriate agenda for the 40th anniversary of our graduation in May '97. At this time, a football event is already planned for the BC-Navy game on Sept. 28. A theater date is also being planned for sometime in late April '97. Currently, **Paul McNulty**, chair of Laetare Sunday this year, is forecasting a large turnout of classmates. I will report further on these events in the next issue of *BCM*. • I should also note that the class organized a BC Museum of Art tour in late January. This successful event included a reception, a tour of the Museum and the special traveling exhibit of Irish art, and a sit-down dinner. Fr. Monan graced us with his presence and spoke on future directions for Catholic higher education. • I received a note from **Richard E. Desmond**. Dick holds a PhD and is in his 26th year of teaching rehabilitation counseling and counseling psychology at the Univ. of Pittsburgh. He has also had a private practice, Career Psychologists, for the last 15 years. Dick and his wife Sally had a big reunion with **Connie O'Driscoll** in Phoenix last year. He hopes to make our 40th and wants to say a special hello to **Frank Flaherty**. • **Patrick F. Cadigan**, PhD was recently named executive director of Friendly Hills Health Care Network of LaHabra, CA. A resident of Newport Beach, Pat spends his leisure time pursuing three key interests, namely: working out, reading and traveling. His son David played professional football for seven years, both with the NY Jets and the Cincinnati Bengals. Pat's two daughters, Ann and Marie, are involved in their own business ventures in Missouri and San Diego, respectively. • **Paul Chamerlain** dropped me a line about his uncle Paul, a Maryknoll Brother for 69 years, who died in early February. Brother Paul was also a close friend of **Rev. Gerald E. Kelly**, MM and **Rev. Thomas Ahearn**, MM. Paul, thanks for your note. Hope all is well with you, Maureen and your family in Bel Air, MD. • **Richard Michaud** writes that he and his wife Nancy have been married for over 40 years. They have five children, eight grandchildren and live in Greensboro, NC. • **Rev. John McLaughlin** has been pastor of St. Benedict's Church in Somerville for ten years. John's parish encompasses a number of Haitian, Brazilian, Salvadoran and Honduran parishioners. John has also been appointed director of the Holy Name Society for the Arch-

diocese of Boston. Just recently, at the International Holy Name Union in San Francisco, he received the Society's award for the North American priest best representing the spirit of the Holy Name. Hope to see you, John, both during our 40th anniversary year! • **Rev. Eugene P. Sullivan** is the new pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish in S. Weymouth after eight years of being pastor at St. Peter's in Dorchester. Gene sends his very best to you all. • Congratulations to **Paul McGourthy** on two counts: his successful recovery from heart surgery; and, his recent remarriage. • The sympathy of the class is extended to **Bruno Bagnaschi** whose son passed away recently. • Condolences of the class are extended to the families of **Paul D. Gould, OD**, who passed away last Oct.; **Mary Lou Doherty, BN**, who died Nov. 20; and **M. Paula Fellows Kelley, BN**, who died Sept. 16. • Please remit your 40th anniversary class dues, in the amount of \$25, to **Bill Tobin**, 181 Central St., Holliston, MA 01746.

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Paul Hannigan and **Sheldon Daly** are members of the Irish Chamber of Commerce, USA and help Jim O'Brien '62, president of the N.E. Chapter, recruit new members. The goal of the organization is to promote "peace through commerce" between Ireland and America. Please call Jim O'Brien (617) 878-5716 if interested in attending a chamber meeting. • **Paul Hannigan** has retired from the Randolph school system after serving many years as a junior high/middle school principal. He is now the executive sales manager for Travel Agents International in Canton. • This is probably the shortest column in 38 years—reason being that I don't hear from many classmates. To prevent a complete blank next issue, please send news. • Don't forget to send your \$25 dues to **Jack Mucca McDevitt**, 28 Cedar St., Medford, MA 02155.

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Carol Giblin Lanyi will be teaching at Leysin American School in Switzerland this semester. She looks forward to greeting winter, spring and alumni tourists. • **Jane and John Flynn** spent New Year's in Seattle visiting John's aunt. His dad spent a few months with them in Sewanee, TN as they began huge renovations on their house. In Sept., daughters Rebecca and Alex moved to Paris. Suzanne finished coursework for her doctorate in French literature, and is looking for a position in her area of expertise. Jack delivered papers in three languages on the History of German Women at Sewanee, the Naval Academy and in San Antonio.

• **Bill Foley** of Revere passed away in Oct. He was an attorney and CPA in Revere. He leaves his wife Mary and two daughters: Mary Julia Traintor of Swampscott and Nancy of Houston. • **Francis McLellan**, an English teacher at Stoughton High for 26 years, died of cancer in August in his Roslindale home. He leaves his wife Jolinda; three sons, Francis, Daniel and Andrew; and three daughters, Ann Marie Lardas of Houston, and Genevieve and Suzannah of Roslindale. • **Dr. Henry Wieman** of Hingham, an oral surgeon, died in Boston in Nov. He was chief of dentistry and oral & maxillofacial surgery at Milton Hospital. He graduated from Georgetown School of Dentistry and was on the staffs of many hospitals in the Boston area. He leaves his wife Loretta; two daughters, Chicki Valovan of Weymouth and Lisa McKenzie of Marshfield; and two sons, Harry of Charlestown and Matthew of Hingham. The class offers its sincere condolences to the families of our dear departed brothers. • **Gerry McElaney** is home from the hospital again; it would be great if you could send him get well wishes. His address is 70 Clinton St., Norwalk, CT 06855. • In the small world department: on my annual Super Bowl trip (29 straight), we had an 11 am brunch at the Golden Swan in

the Scottsdale Hyatt prior to the 4 pm kickoff. My seven associates gave me a plaque before brunch, commemorating this event. There were a lot of pictures with the group wearing sports jackets with commemorative patches. When we walked to the buffet line, it seems that the table next to us was curious as to what this was all about. Lo and behold, as we get back, I am greeted by none other than **Arthur Whalen** of Malden, who had seen the plaque and casually told his party that we graduated from BC together! After brunch, Art and I visited. He introduced me to his lovely wife Judy, who, after moving from Michigan, has been selling residential real estate for 11 years. Art was with the Detroit Red Wings for 13 years before moving to Phoenix in '84. He is now with Volume Services, Inc., a national concessionaire, which has contracts with Yankee Stadium, the Minnesota Twins, the KC Royals, Candlestick Park and the Oakland A's and Raiders. Son Mark, 30, and his wife Barbara live in London on assignment from Ford Motor Co.; Mark is completing his BA degree at Oxford. Susan, 21, graduates this year from the Univ. of Arizona-Tuscon with a double major in political science and Spanish. Jennifer, 17, will be a freshman at Northern Arizona Univ. in Flagstaff in the fall. Art says if you're in the Phoenix area, call him at work at (602) 849-0792.

well as pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Fall River. • **Marie Hurley** was aboard the Love Boat Royal Princess when it sailed with 47 BC Eagles around the Caribbean and through the Panama Canal. • **Bill Kelley** writes from Yorba Linda, CA, where he is employed with Suzuki Motor Corp.'s North American Legal Office as its administrator in Southern California. This position entails managing its selfinsured account and coordinating litigation activities for the 50 or so law firms his company retains in North America. Bill retired from the Army in '89. In his near 30-year Army career, the Kelley family moved more than 28 times! Bill's leisure time is spent ocean sailing, skiing in Utah and mountain biking.

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On the move: **Bob Rooney** has returned to Nahant after 30 years in Stow, where the apple trees outnumber the residents. Ancestral research brought him to Ireland to meet his father's family. Succumbed to Green magic, Bob has applied for dual citizenship. He and Sally have also bought a small cruising boat for the waters off Nahant. He has moved to new employment as well, with charge of NE sales products of Epson's semi-conductors. • My local paper prints that Avis and **Dick Glasheen** of Needham announced the engagement of daughter Karen to Costa Glaropoulos. Both Stonehill College grads, they own local a business and plan a June wedding. • **Ruy Villela** writes that son John was BC '94. Ruy retired from law practice in '91 and lives in Florida where leisure time is occupied by travel, boating and golfing. • Splitting time between Needham and Marco Island, FL is **Robert Leiber**. A real estate specialist, he can help fellow alumni relocate/return to that sunny area. • **John Gavin** is a principal engineer at Norwood's Polaroid. His primary achievements include the following:

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Condolences to **Paul McLaughlin** on the death of his brother Hugh in late Feb. • **Tom Galvin**, principal at Berlin High School in Berlin, CT, was honored as the recipient of a 1995 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Tom was designated as one of five outstanding educators in the state of Connecticut. • **Father Edward Byington** is now pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis. Prior to this appointment, he was chaplain to the Fall River police department as

John '91 is now a fourth year Jesuit scholastic at Fordham, NY; Timothy '98 is a BC Pops Heights Scholar; Thomas, Harvard '95, is now a Rockefeller Scholar in South America; Ellen, St. Anselm '93, is an RN in Conn.; Daniel and Brendan are in Westwood's Xavarian HS; Mary is at Montrose HS; and Patrick is at St. Catherine's in Norwood. • Quarter century New Yorker **Tom Reardon** is director of finance and administration for the Private Industry Council, a multi-million dollar agency. Its goal is to work with the economically disadvantaged and refugees from around the world. Tom's Manhattan veneer is still tempered by loyalties to the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins and the Celts. • Looking forward to the 35th is **Pete Morgan**. This transplant to Redwood Shores, CA has been with Solomon Brothers for 32 years. Youngest son Robert enters BC in Sept. • Our condolences to the family of **Robert Phelan**, who passed away in Sept. '95. Bob was both a Naval veteran of the Korean War and retired clerk from the South Postal Annex, Boston. **William MacAllister** of Reading was his brother-in-law. • **David Oberhauser** of Stoneham remains a senior scientist with Waltham's Polaroid Corp. Dave's credentials include master's degrees from Holy Cross and Clark Univ., and an MBA from Worcester Polytechnic Institute only five years ago. When not reading journals from the Society of Imagery Science and Technology, he may be spotted by Hull's waters.

• Milford, Conn.'s **Richard Fitzpatrick**, who is president of Crest Automotive, and wife Elaine have two progeny with BC diplomas: Laura '84 and Richard '85. Along the way, he got his MBA from the Univ. of Michigan. • I do not have to pull strings to get all my notes. **Ultan Rice** writes that he has been in Rochester, NY for nine years where he is a freelance puppeteer. This versatile entertainer creates his puppets, props and scenery and performs in a mobile theater which he developed from ancient Chinese design. Working through funded artists-in-residency projects, Ultan passes on skills of puppets and storytelling to enhance public school students awareness about world literature. Ultan shares that he is in correspondence with **Tom Heffernan**, who teaches at a Japanese college. Tom, now back from Bali, can be reached at: 2-6-5 Take, Kagoshima 890, Japan. • Not everything that comes to me is good news. This item concerns the death of

Gregory P. Hammond of Beverly. After BC, Gregory went on to earn a master's at Northeastern, was honored by Dartmouth College School of Business, and sat on the Beverly planning board. After joining Polaroid in 1971, he rose to become that company's controller for Western hemisphere sales. The class expresses its condolences to his wife Katherine and children Ann and Daniel. • With my own daughter returned to the Univ. of Padua to complete senior year studies, wife Mary and I took a spring break to revisit Italy's Campagna and Abruzzi districts. I've packed on so much pasta that I'm walking to Philly for her May graduation from UPenn.

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I recently realized I've been remiss in not congratulating class members who have received Alumni Awards of Excellence. These awards were established by an act of the Alumni Association Board of Directors in '73-'74 to broaden the opportunities for alumni recognition. Up to eight awards may be conferred each year upon individuals who have exemplified, through their lives, the abiding principles to which Boston College and all her graduates are dedicated, and who have distinguished themselves in their professions for the following areas of endeavor: science, public service, arts & humanities, commerce, religion, education, health professions and law. Congratulations to **Dr. Joseph C. Hogan, Jr.**, who received the Award of Excellence in Science in 1995. Dr. Hogan resides in Everett and is chief scientific officer for Arquule Partners Ltd. in Medford. Congratulations to **Dr. Margaret Shandor Miles**, who received the Award of Excellence in Education in 1994. Dr. Miles resides in Chapel Hill, NC and is a professor at the Univ. of North Carolina. Congratulations to **Dr. John J. Gallagher, Jr.**, who received the Award of Ex-

cellence in Science in 1990. Dr. Gallagher resides in Dallas, TX and is president of STR Geol. & Tect. International there. Final congratulations go to **Dr. James T. Vanderslice**, who received the Award of Excellence in Commerce in 1987. Dr. Vanderslice is president of Pennant Systems Co. in Norwalk, CT and lives in Wilton. • Our congratulations to **Bob Murray** on two important events. First of all, Bob recently took early retirement from the Gillette Co. in Boston, where he served as executive VP. Bob had spent his entire career with Gillette. Secondly, Bob's retirement was very short-lived in that he immediately joined New England Business Systems of Groton as chairman, president and CEO. Bob had been a member of its board of directors. • Congratulations to **Bob Pemberton** on the outstanding success of the company he founded, Software 2000 of Hyannis. There was recently a great article on the company in the *Boston Globe*. Bob has built Software 2000 from a two-man operation in his Osterville kitchen to a 470-person firm with offices in Hyannis, Europe and Asia. Revenues for 1995 totaled \$63 million, with profits at \$3.7 million. The company raised \$14 million in an initial public offering in Nov. '95. Software 2000 designs and sells software for human resources and financial management services and is used on the IBM AS/400 mid-range computer. • **Bill Barry** is regional director for the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Boston. Bill is very active in BC fundraising activities. He's a member of the Fides executive committee, the University Council on Giving and is chair of the Parents' Fund. • **Jack MacKinnon** has advised that he recently ran into **Frank Connolly** at a BC High reception in Florida. Frank resides in Ft. Lauderdale. • **Maria Galante Burke** is a Chapter I teacher in the Brockton school system. She and her husband reside in Halifax, where she's been a library trustee since the '60s. • I was pleased to run into **Dan Sullivan** at a recent Clover Club dinner. Dan is senior VP of sales and marketing at Buckley, Thorpe et. al. in Burlington and resides in Andover. At the same dinner I ran into **Eddie Quinn**. Our congratulations to Eddie, who recently retired from the FBI. Eddie was very well-known and respected in the Boston area for his work against organized crime. • Our condolences to the family of **Thomas Melia**, who passed away in Oct. '95. He had resided in Manchester-by-the-Sea with his wife and family. •

Please drop me a line on what you are doing. • Also, please keep in mind that our 35th reunion will be in May of '97. I will advise the specific dates in the next column.

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Robert D. Willix, Jr., MD, FACSM is editor of *Health & Longevity*, a monthly publication which presents information on the practice of medicine which incorporates ancient healing arts into Western medicine. • Class condolences to the family of **James McCann**, who passed away July 6, 1995. He was an associate professor of sociology at Univ. of Washington, Seattle. He is survived by four brothers and four sisters.

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Bunny Verdon sends many thanks for all the prayers and good wishes for her recovery. She's feeling better now and back to her practice of criminal defense. A move back to Boston or New York may be in her future. • Add another name to your directory. **Brenda Mahoney O'Brien** wrote to say that she and Kevin '63

have moved to their dream house in Park City, Utah. Brenda is a pediatrician practicing in Salt Lake City. They have three grown children and a granddaughter. Brenda was not on the list because she left Newton in '63 with a course or two to complete. She finished those, got married and started graduate school. After a teaching career and three children, she entered medical school! (She says her husband is a saint.) Her address is: 2915 American Saddler Drive, Park City, Utah 84060 (801-645-8379). • The final news item is a tragic one. **Nan Sullivan Bomser** died on Fri., Nov. 17, 1995 from injuries sustained from being hit by a bus in NYC. After graduating from Newton, she got her law degree from Fordham Univ. where she met her husband, Alan. At the time of her death she was VP and director of contracts and copyrights at a NYC publishing house. At her memorial service, one of the speakers was **Sue Pollack Kintner**, a friend of Nan since camp days. Other classmates there were **Diane Desomni Leifer**, **Mary Drayne** and **Jan Vosburgh Zak**. The service was especially moving when people got up to speak about Nan and the way she had touched their lives. Her generosity apparently knew no bounds—even to underwriting the education of two sisters she met as little girls on a New York Cares project years ago. One of the girls spoke at the service. She has her graduate degree and a wonderful job, and she thanked Nan for making it possible. I can't imagine a better legacy.

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Congratulations to **Ron Sarno**, who has become a partner in Burgern and Sarno, PC, a law firm specializing in personal injury and workmen's compensation cases in Newark, NJ. Ron wrote a response to the *BCM* article "Return of the Weston II," and his letter was published in the Dec. '95 issue. Ron asks if any other Weston alumni were inspired to write after reading the article. Ron, his wife Una and daughter Niamh visited the Campion Center in Weston this past summer during a stay in Boston. Ron writes that **Jim Boland** lives in Jersey City with his wife Patricia, a son and five daughters. They are very involved in lay volunteer work

with St. Aloysius Parish. • **Dave Falwell** writes from Down Under that he has undertaken the management of the Sydney office of Omega. Dave says that learning the Australian language and culture has been most interesting. The day-to-day slang and idioms are almost literally another language! • **Sr. Mary Brigid Penney** is retired from her work with Catholic Charities and lives in Bay Shore, NY. Since graduating from BC's SON, Sister has been caring for the sick poor in many cities in the US. • BC basketball has commanded the interest of many classmates. The **Hartes**, **Covinos**, **Ed Lonergan**, **Vern Sherman**—and I'm sure many others—have been at Conte. • Best wishes to **Kathy McVarish Sullivan**, who is engaged to Frank Cook. Frank and Kathy were at our 30th reunion. We wish you both much happiness.

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My industrious predecessor in this role, **Gretchen Sterling**, did not say it would be easy; I have culled from my own inbox all that might possibly be shared as news of classmates—I obviously cannot reap what I don't sow. So, now that the seemingly more-rigorous-than-usual N.E. winter is receding and spring will be in full flower when you read these notes, I will have to devise some method to elicit correspondence from all of you—I know you're out there. Time to stop reading the garden catalogs and get those seeds in the earth. If you have an idea for this section, or news of yourself and others, please send it on; you don't have to wait for a postcard from me. Meanwhile I wish that your own gardens, and your families, and your businesses, flourish under your energetic and talented direction. (Noted from the Reunion Survey: 44% "garden," and quite a few very seriously!)

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Our reunion weekend has come and gone. I hope you were there to join

your classmates for the gala celebration. We hoped the turnout would surpass our 25th celebration. I also hope you returned your Alumni Ballot in a timely fashion and supported **Dane Baird**, who was nominated for VP/president-elect of the Alumni Association. And a special thanks to Dane for hosting a class leap year get-together at the Algonquin Club on Comm. Ave. on Feb. 1, along with **Dan Leahy**, **Tom Galligan**, **Paul Delaney**, **Tom Dolan**, **Kevin Harrington**, **John Hodgman** and **Tom Murphy**. We all enjoyed an evening of refreshments and reminiscence and worked on plans for the reunion. • **Stephen Arlinghaus** sent me a great note in Jan. He is minister-counselor for commercial affairs at the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels, which deals with commercial relations between the U.S. and the now 15 member countries of the Union. Previously, he was director of the Commerce Department's L.A. office. Steve and wife Eileen have two daughters at home, Caitlin and Meghan; oldest daughter, Sarah, UConn '89, is married and has a 15-month-old son, and is also pursuing her master's in public administration. Daughter Julia, Wesleyan '91, is a National Park service ranger at the National Maritime Museum in San Francisco. • **John Wood** has been elected director of legal personnel for Reed Smith Shaw & McClay and will be responsible for the firm's 375 lawyers and paraprofessional staff located in its seven offices. Previously, John was with the U.S. Dept. of Justice in Washington. John earned his JD from the Catholic Univ. of America, and resides in Great Falls, VA. • **Paul Hogan** is exec. VP of corporate relationship banking for Bank of Boston. Paul received a master's from MIT, and holds an MBA from Dartmouth. He is a member of the board of directors at Carney Hospital in Dorchester. • **Requiescat in Pace: Jude T. Flynn**, who died Nov. 28, 1994 in San Francisco; condolences to his wife Joan. • Hope you're enjoying good health. Please write soon.

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Evelyn Fu Loh writes that "after moving around all my life, I am about to complete a full circle in moving back to the country of my birth."

Laurence has accepted a new position to spearhead a chemical research institute in a high tech park in Qingdao, China for his parent company (DaiNippon, Inc.). Evelyn reports that Qingdao is a beautiful coastal resort city in Shangton Province in northern China with a population of over six million. She concludes: "I expect life will be very different from here in the U.S. It will be my ready-made challenge for the next few years. For any venturesome classmates, I welcome you all to come and visit me there." • **Ros Moore** is a psychologist with several different hats: director of training at the Trauma Center, Human Resources Institute, in Brookline, which allows her to teach and supervise; in private practice in Auburndale, which keeps her clinically on her toes; and doing research as part of the BU Resiliency Project. The research is trying to understand the resiliency of women who were abused in childhood. Ros writes that "marriage to Michael St. Clair continues with gusto into our 23rd year." Michael is a professor of psychology at Emmanuel, and teaches graduate courses in the summer at the BC Institute for Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. Their oldest son, Forrest, a Williams student, will spend the fall semester in Africa. Travis, still in high school, has begun the college search. • **Peggy Badenhausen** is happy to be back in Mass. after eight years out of state. She is living in Cambridge, and occupied as a painter and printmaker. Her husband, Tom Kelly, is a musicologist on the Harvard faculty, and they are the parents of Sarah and Adam—about whom Peggy reports that they are "both graduated from college and seeking their fortunes in France and Chile, respectively." • **Carolyn Cassin Driscoll** writes that "life goes on as a mid-life psychologist, daughter, wife, mother and Christian. I continue to learn from my mentors, my parents, and my family and friends what life challenges us to know, to do and to love." Carolyn's daughter Megan '97 is in Spain for a semester, and Maura is only applying to Eastern colleges. "Alas our nest will be empty and rarely visited! We hope to travel East often." • **Dorie Norton Weintraub** received her degree in architecture from Boston Architectural Center in '94. She is an architect with the firm of Drummond Rosane Anderson in Newton Centre (right near our old stomping grounds). She and her husband live nearby; like many of us, both of their children are grown and gone. Daugh-

ter Tobey will marry in Sept. and join the Foreign Service with her husband. Son Josh is an associate producer for Fox TV in NYC. (Get Dorie to tell you about her experience as a guest on Josh's show!)

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Al Ackil, MD, a neurologist on the staff of Morton Hospital & Medical Center in Taunton, has been elected to full membership in the North American Spine Society, and subsequently named chairman of the neurology and neurosurgery committee of the American Back Society. Certified in clinical neurology, electrodiagnostic medicine, pain management and neuro-rehabilitation, he is a member of the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine, American Academy of Pain Management and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. • **Mike Nocera** has been appointed president and CEO of New York Life Worldwide Holdings Inc., the international insurance subsidiary of New York Life. Mike will be responsible for the management and direction of New York Worldwide Holding. Mike earned his MBA in finance from American Univ. Mike was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star for valor in Vietnam.

QUESTION

When is your business card more than a business card?

ANSWER

When it becomes a BC chair, a BC watch or two tickets to the Notre Dame game!

How does this work? It's simple! Just mail your current business card to Boston College Information Services, More Hall Room 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167-3819 before July 31. In August, three business cards will be drawn at random and the lucky winners will receive one of the prizes listed above. Good luck!

He resides in Manhattan with his wife and son. • It is with sadness that I report the passing of two classmates: **Theresa Morris**, of the Evening College, in Oct., and **Alan J. Miller SJ**, who taught at Brophy College Prep in Phoenix, AZ, in Sept. The class extends its condolences to both families. • Many of you have called concerning the status of **Dennis Griffin, MD**. Dennis had what has been called a stroke in early Jan. He is now recuperating at New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Woburn. His primary care physician says he will make a full recovery. Your correspondents have visited with Dennis, and he certainly looks good and is on his way to recovery. Dennis has been active in class reunions and is the team physician for the Eagles football team. We look forward to seeing Dennis on the field at Alumni Stadium in autumn. • As you know, on May 21 of this year, we officially entered our 30th anniversary year. I know it hardly seems possible! Our 30th will wind up on Commencement Weekend '97. This means planning must start now so that a program of events can be put together. We will be looking for those of you who can to volunteer some time in helping with various events. Expect a call soon. We have already booked the BC-Syracuse football game on Sat., Oct. 26 with a reception to follow. We had to nail this down early because there are so few tickets available for home games. This also means the class will be asked to help defray the costs of mailings and deposits for rooms/bands etc., so be prepared to help with your dues. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

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Long letter from **Marilyn Fu Harpster** of Galena, OH. She and Joe are proud to report that Intek has had another solid year and now employs 22; a plant expansion is projected anytime now. Son TJ has accumulated enough credits to have junior standing already! He may be able to complete a double major in engineering and physics. Charleston, SC claims a good portion of the family down time. • Pat and **Joan Cooper Curran** have had little down time this past year. On May 17, 1995 they put their house up for sale and

it sold on May 26. Then they moved to Atlanta—temporary housing in July, their new home in December. Katie is a junior at BC and Kevin is a freshman at Oregon State College in Ashland. • Another DC Spring Tea is in the works. Maybe we'll get some news from Carol, Hillary, Jane, Nancy, etc. • Send news of those special birthdays of the past year.

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Greetings, classmates...and happy birthday wishes to so many of us who will be joyfully celebrating "The Big One" during the year!!! • **Colonel Dr. John Klish** was recently installed as president of the Air Force Constituent of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD). The Air Force AGD has over 400 members worldwide who seek professional development and advancement on behalf of quality patient care. Dr. Klish also serves on the AGD House of Delegates, and has held the positions of VP and continuing education chairperson of the Air Force AGD. He is a fellow of the AGD, a fellow of the International College of Dentists, a diplomate of the Federal Services Board of Dentistry, a member of the American Dental Association accredited standards committee, and is listed in *Who's Who in Dentistry*. He is currently the deputy staff director of the Defense Medical Standardization Board in Fort Detrick, MD.

• **Rick Neumann** was appointed senior VP of the consulting division of the Insurance Management Group. He specializes in financial management issues and systems, internal and external fraud detection programs and agency acquisitions. Rick was formerly at Aetna Life & Casualty Co., and held prior positions with Ford Motor Co. and United Technologies • The world has lost a very special person. **Larry Moore** of Waterbury, CT died suddenly of a heart attack in Jan. Larry was director of communications for the State of Conn. Judicial Branch. Loyal and hard-working, Larry was dedicated to always helping out. He was devoted to his dear wife, Pat Kennedy Moore '69, and his two children: Lauren '96, and Brian. Such a loss to all of us who loved this proud Eagle and caring friend! Our prayers are with his family.

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Senior year (28 years ago!) was no fun for those of us who watched from the sidelines as you all turned "legal." Twenty-one was a magic age, and we had to wait. Well, revenge is sweet. Happy 50th to all of you...from your "younger" classmates, including **Regi Kelly Kindig**, **Chrissy Murback Buzzee** and me. (I'd love to hear from any of the other '47 boomers. Write and tell me how you plan to savor your youth this year). • I ran into Regi in NYC. She and **Ellen Flynn** were celebrating Regi's 49th. Regi is a Circle of Excellence Realtor in Westport, CT, and Ellen is director of marketing for Courtaulds Fibers, Inc. in NYC. • I was sad to learn that both **Betty Barry Sweet's** and **Maura Jane Curtis Griffin's** husbands have suffered debilitating illnesses this year. Best wishes for speedy and full recoveries. • Heartfelt sympathy also goes out to **Jane Sullivan Burke** on the tragic loss of her sister, Nan. • I look forward to hearing all the 50th birthday stories. Please write and fill me in on all the details. It is a great excuse to renew old ties. Enjoy!

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Hi gang. The mailbag hasn't been exactly overflowing lately; nevertheless, a few things to talk about: • **Ken Russell Slade**, Esq. of Narragansett RI, and Quebec City, Quebec has been appointed as a commissioner

of the State of Rhode Island for the Province of Quebec. He was appointed by Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Almond and sworn into office by U.S. Counsel General in Quebec. Ken maintains law offices in both Rhode Island and Quebec, focusing on international trade, taxation and personal injury litigation. This position will allow him to administer oaths and undertake similar official actions in Quebec intended to be effective in Rhode Island. The appointment marked the first of a commissioner by the state of Rhode Island, although the post has existed for almost a century. • **Frank Hill**, a senior VP for Smith Barney, was recognized along with his partner as recipients of the 1995 Outstanding Broker Awards by *Registered Representative* magazine. The partnership has about \$500 million in management and a six-person staff to provide the high level of client service that led to this prestigious industry award. • **Dr. Bob McNamee** has been named VP of the medical staff executive committee of Morton Hospital and Medical Center in Taunton. He has been on the medical staff of the hospital since '80 and also maintains an oncology and internal medicine practice. He lives in Taunton with his wife and three children. • Quincy accountant **Bill Lucy**, a principal of the firm of O'Connor and Drew, has been elected to the board of directors of Hibernia Savings Bank, also headquartered in Quincy. Bill has been with his accounting firm since '79 and a principal since '85. While working on the South Shore, he lives near the other end of 128 in Reading with his wife Norma and their two children. Given Bill's position, our class will have an unquestioned voice in the running of that well-known institution. You see, **Mark Osborne** just happens to be the chairman of the board and CEO. Besides his successful business career, Mark is certainly enjoying a great spring, as he will be watching his son Matthew graduate from the Heights as a member of the Class of '96. • Sad note to report this time on the death last Sept. of **Michael Dixson** from AIDS-related causes. Michael had been the information systems coordinator for the town of New Paltz, NY for almost 20 years before retiring last May due to his illness. A touching article sent to me described the dignity with which he accepted his fate and the quiet courage he showed as the disease overtook him. May he rest in peace. • Another classmate who lives now only in our memories is **Tim Smyth**, who suc-

cumbed to a long bout with cancer on March 10. Former roommate and longtime friend **Ed Ryan** wrote me a note that began with the sorrow of the news, but ended with a picture of a dashing young hockey player scoring a goal against the best in the country, on a long-ago winter night in McHugh Forum. It is that athletic redhead and the times of which he was so much a part that we shall all remember. May he sleep with the Lord. • With this edition, it will be 25 years since I first began writing this sometimes lighthearted, sometimes serious look at the comings and goings of those of us who took our BC degrees back in May of '70. It is enough. I would like to pass to another the joy, sadness, recognition, work, deadlines and fun which I have jealously kept to myself over this lengthy time. It is my hope that I will have the opportunity write a fuller retrospective in some more appropriate setting—there is much to say and much to review—but this is not the place. Also, I don't close the door that you may hear from me again, but a respite is needed. For now let me say a simple but profound "thank you." Finally, I ask any who are interested in picking up the torch, to please contact Maura Scully at the Alumni Office. • See you on the back porch with the feet up.

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It's hard to believe that it will be time for our 25th reunion this time next year. That's traditionally the biggest reunion for a college class, and I'm looking forward to a good turnout. • Speaking of 25th anniversaries, we recently had the biggest alumni event I've ever seen in L.A. to commemorate the fact that club president Joe Lally '61 is stepping down after that many years in that post. I didn't see anyone from our class, but among the notables that were there were Alumni Director John Wissler '57; Steve Coyne '60, a CPA who is the stepfather of pro basketball player Don MacLean; and former quarterback Mike Power '90, who is Joe's co-worker at Paine Webber. • As you've gathered, I don't have much news on our class this time, but I did get a letter from **John Doherty**, who is doubly a classmate of mine (at Dartmouth as well as BC). A resident of Highland Park, IL, John has become VP of operations at SoftNet Systems, a moderate-sized telecommunications and document management company in Chicago. He has 13 years' experience in the computer industry with Digital Equipment and Oracle Systems. He's looking forward to a good turnout of Gold Key alumni at the reunion. • I had a letter from my most loyal correspondent for this column, **Tom Herlihy**, who is stationed on the island of Madagascar with the Agency for International Development. He may be the most loyal fan of the football Eagles, too, sometimes watching tapes of games a month after they're played. There are two other alumni on the island, which is off the east coast of Africa: Mark Cullinane (early '80s) and Michelle LaBonte (late '80s). • For the second column in a row, I had a letter from a **Bill O'Neill**, this time the A&S grad who is an attorney in Naples, FL with the Ohio law firm of Buckingham, Doolittle, and Burroughs. • **John Higgins** is a teacher and drama coach at Hingham High School, where he has advanced to the finals of the Mass. High School Drama Festival for three of the last five years.

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As **Mary Sullivan Tracy** slowly recovers from her sister Nan's recent death, the memory of many Newton '64 classmates attending Nan's services will stay with Mary always. Mary also wrote to announce that her older daughter, Anne, will be attending Holy Cross in the fall as well as **Grace Conway Regan**'s daughter Grace. Grace's son Jack is a sophomore there. Mary continues to practice law a few days a week in the real estate department of Palmer and Dodge. • Congratulations to **Susan Jacquet** for being a co-leader in Nov. for WC & AN Miller Realtors in the firm's Bethesda, MD office. • **Mary-Catherine Deibel** keeps sending me new menus but no doggy bags from Upstairs at the Pudding. • **Meg Barres Alonso** and Mario report that Matt is enjoying life at a Catholic all-boys' high school. The entire Alonso family is up to their ears in soccer. Meg writes regularly for two parenting magazines and recently expanded to articles in *Good Housekeeping*, an international publication on children's self-esteem, and Spanish-language American publications. • **Mary Wurzelbacher Hogan** and Phil have a daughter at BC. Kristen is a junior and is now spending her second semester in Aix-en-Provence, France, which is exactly where Mary spent the second semester of her junior year at Newton. Madame Courtois would be delighted! • **Mary Kennedy Turick** and Tom also proudly announce that their daughter Kristen is a member of the Class of '99 at BC. Mary writes, "Kristen was accepted and warmly welcomed into the BC community. She wasted no time in getting involved by joining the Screaming Eagles Band with her baritone horn. Her major is communications. With the encouragement of Edward Barnaby (son of **Peggy Thomas Barnaby** and Howard) Kristen has become a steady contributor to *The Heights* newspaper." In early Nov., the Newton College Alumnae Committee informed Kristen that she had been selected as a recipient of the Newton College Scholarship for the '95-'96 academic year. Congratulations to Mary, Tom and Kristen! • **Maureen Kelly** sends greetings to all and noted that our 25th Newton reunion follows her 20th Univ. of Chicago reunion. Kelly practiced for reunions

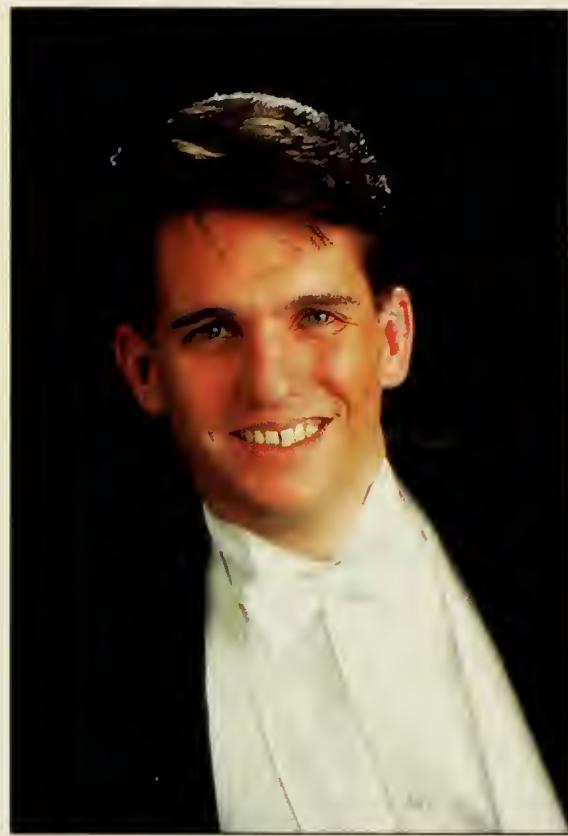


POPS ON THE HEIGHTS

A BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP GALA

September 27, 1996

PARENTS' WEEKEND



Keith Lockhart, twentieth conductor of the Boston Pops Orchestra, brings his artistry and captivating style to this year's POPS ON THE HEIGHTS in a Boston College debut that reflects his soaring popularity with audiences across the nation.

GREAT MUSIC FOR A GREAT CAUSE

When Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart steps into the spotlight at the fourth annual POPS ON THE HEIGHTS Scholarship Gala, he will strike up the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra and the Boston College Chorale for a magical musical evening that helps deserving Boston College students fulfill their dreams. One of the ten largest fund-raisers in the nation, this year's concert is expected to raise more than \$1 million for scholarship endowment. Coinciding with Parents' Weekend, POPS ON THE HEIGHTS promises to be another sell-out performance. The date is Friday, September 27, 1996. The place is Conte Forum. The baton rises at 8 p.m.

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by going to Jeanne Graham's wedding, where she met Cathy Longley and Bonnie Gunlocke. Kelly has also spoken with **Penny Price Nachtman**, who lives in Northern California. • Congratulations to the Associated Alumnae and Alumni of the Sacred Heart on the new format for our national newsletter entitled *Esprit de Coeur*. • I attended the recent Georgetown-BC basketball game and wore my lucky 885 sweatshirt. However... • Throughout the year, please feel free to send me nominations for any of the BC Alumni Awards. Also, please let me know if anyone has an e-mail address. Take care.

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Hello classmates. **Michael Fitzgerald**, MD is chairman of the emergency department at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC. Mike and his wife Susan live in Bethesda, MD. • As I sit here, I can hear the rain on my windows. It is a dreary Saturday in late Feb. A good day to read a book. Have you read any lately? I thought I might share with you some of the books I have been reading over the winter. I just finished Paul Theroux's *The Pillars of Hercules*. Those of you who are familiar with Theroux's books know that he does not write your typical travel book. This one gave me a clearer understanding of the similarities and striking differences of the people who live around the Mediterranean coast. Theroux starts at Gibraltar, then takes a circular route from country to country around the Mediterranean until he arrives back at the beginning. He takes trains, taxis, ferries, and even a cruise ship at one point, but no airplanes. I learned a lot about Syria and Turkey and Egypt. I had a good laugh or two reading about Spain, France and Italy. Can't wait for Theroux's next book. • Read *The 100 Secret Senses* by Amy Tan and found it to be one of the most interesting and whimsical books that I have read in a long time. I love books with dialect and this one is full of splendid dialog. • I would definitely recommend Newt Gingrich's book *To Renew America*. I think everyone from "our era" needs to participate in renewing America, and no better place to start educat-

ing ourselves than with books written by people like Gingrich. You may not agree with everything he says, but it will help you to focus on the basics. • Bill Gates' new book came home with me from the library and returned unread. I know we have to get computer literate, but did he have to write a whole book on it? By the way, the Internet is fast becoming a key component to BC faculty in their classroom work. According to a front-page article in the Jan. 18 issue of *Chronicle*, the internal newspaper for faculty and staff at BC, some professors of larger lecture classes are starting to set up discussion groups on the USENET. One professor of sociology awarded extra credit for participation in his class' USENET group discussions. In the biology department, Asst. Prof. Charles Hoffman said the following about his class's news group: "During office hours, you'd have 30 people lined up, and many of them had quite similar questions. Not only did our news group get more information to more students—by the end of the semester, nearly everyone in the class had logged on at least once—it gave them a feeling of access. They could ask a question at just about any time of the day or night through USENET, and they would get an answer." One CSOM business class had to design a Web site for their fictional company as part of their class requirement. A fine arts class in American architecture viewed digitized images of slides (normally seen only during class time) on their class's Web page. Looks like the Internet as a teaching tool is here to stay. • Along the same lines, the recently-installed software on the University libraries' QUEST system has made available two databases, the Educational Resource Information Center and the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature. Two more databases, MATHSCI, a mathematics resource, and GEOREF, a geology database, will be available soon, with more on the way. Just thought you would like to know where your alumni contributions are being spent these days. • Again, I am asking everyone who has not seen his or her name in this column during the last three years to please stop what you are doing this very minute and contact your class correspondent at (315) 823-2720 as soon as possible. If I am away from my desk, then please leave your name, spouse's name, names and ages of children, your place of employment, your city and state, and your phone number if you wish it to be included in this column. *Very*

basic!!! The column goes to press every three months and my next deadline is June 1. Thanks, and I hope you had a nice spring and have an even nicer summer. • P.S. Happy 45th birthday to everyone, and that includes everyone from Mod 18B.

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Spring has finally arrived and none too soon, with all the snow we had! I have much to report. • Congratulations to **Patricia L. Cosgrove**! After 20 years in the Plymouth-Carver and Plymouth school systems, she has accepted the position of vice principal at the Gates Intermediate School in Scituate. Most recently, she was an administrator at the Plymouth Community Intermediate School. • **Ron Whitaker** has completed a leveraged buyout of the Hairway Heaven Co., America's first chain of rock 'n roll-themed family hair care centers. Whether it's a new "do" or a new "don't," he's there to provide the finest products and services to meet your needs. • **Susan Lucy** has been hired as controller at Advanced Rehab Systems, a subsidiary of Prism Health Group, Inc., where she will be responsible for the day-to-day accounting and finance functions of the company. Prior to joining Advanced Rehab, she was a manager at KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP in Boston, where she managed execution of audit engagements and performed detailed reviews of clients' internal control systems. • **Paul**

E. Platten, PhD, VP of the Hay Group and a consultant with over 20 years' experience in human resource management, is managing director of Hay's banking practice. He is based in Boston. Paul has served as a consultant to multinational and foreign-owned companies, for which he develops executive compensation programs. His new book, *Leave Pay Out of the Equation, and Change Can't Add Up*, reveals pay as the critical step in moving change beyond process to people. • **Vincent Tentindo** has joined the law firm of Peabody and Arnold in Boston as partner; he specializes in workers' compensation and civil litigation. He holds a law degree from Suffolk Univ. and resides in Marblehead. • **Dr. Bernadette M. Leber** is an internist/pediatrician at the Brookside Community Health Center in Jamaica Plain. Bernadette has served in the Peace Corps and is on its board of directors. She's willing to speak to students and alumni who are interested in the corps. • **Harry E. Salerno** is employed with the accounting firm of O'Connor & Drew, CPA in Quincy. He's on the board of trustees at the Weymouth Savings Bank. • We are saddened to report the death of **John Brennan**, a nationally-respected polling expert who was director of the *Los Angeles Times Poll* for the past four years. John lived in Marina Del Rey, Los Angeles and died after a stroke related to cancer.

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It is with great sadness that **Maureen Delaney** wrote to inform us of the death of **Dorothy Rita O'Connell** on Dec. 7, 1995. Maureen remembers her love for life and her special magic. Dorothy had lived in San Francisco for the past 20 years. Our special prayers and thoughts go out to her family and friends.

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QUESTION

When is your business card more than a business card?

ANSWER

When it becomes a BC chair, a BC watch or two tickets to the Notre Dame game!

How does this work? It's simple! Just mail your current business card to Boston College Information Services, More Hall Room 220, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, MA 02167-3819 before July 31. In August, three business cards will be drawn at random and the lucky winners will receive one of the prizes listed above. Good luck!

serves as director of freshman reading and writing. The Modern Language Association of America, headquartered in NYC, recently awarded its fifteenth annual Mina P. Shaughnessy Prize to Kathleen for her book *The Culture of Reading and the Teaching of English* (Manchester Univ. Press and St. Martin's Press). The prize is awarded for an outstanding research publication in the field of teaching English language and literature. The prize selection committee cited Kathleen for emphasizing "the social nature of the reader and the text, presenting an interactive model of reading and describing dialogic classroom practices that encourage critical literacy." Kathleen previously taught at UConn and Carnegie-Mellon Univ. In addition to her prizewinning book, she is the author of *The Cultural Imperatives Underlying Cognitive Acts* (1989), *Ulysses, "Wandering Rocks"* and *Reader: Multiple Pleasures in Reading* (1991). She is co-author of several other texts. Congratulations, Kathleen! • Former UGBC president **Duane Deskins** left Boston in Jan. '95 for the Windy City, aka Chi-Town, where he again serves as an assistant U.S. Attorney. He held the same position in Boston for the previous six years. In March '95, while leaving Sunday Mass at Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral, he met Jacquelyn Jenkins, and last Dec. she became Jacquelyn Deskins in the same church. Duane enthuses that he's never been happier, al-

though he misses his many friends in Boston. Congratulations, Duane and Jacquelyn! • A "journey of self-discovery" is how **Martin Droz** described the last 20 years of his life, with the ongoing resolution to enjoy life's adventure while discarding the chaff and keeping the grain. Marty is presently involved with several families in a completely new form of home schooling, emphasizing life preparation over rote. Marty lives in Arcadia, CA. • The '76 reunion committee presented an engraved BC captain's chair to your humble scribe in Jan., and simultaneously honored class president **Rick Carlson** with a BC lamp. The two old friends were much moved, and ever so thankful for the good friends and memorable times brought to them through BC. Thank you very much! • Well, here's hoping the 20th reunion saw your smiling face and that a grand time was had by all. The Reunion Committee worked very hard to make it a weekend to remember. • Please put pen to paper, have a healthy and happy spring (especially those in the blizzard-wrecked Northeast), and God bless!

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I heard from so many of you within the last few months, it was great! You can now reach me through e-mail at the address above. • **James V. Menno** was appointed associate justice of the Plymouth Probate & Family Court in June '95. Jim graduated from BC Law in '86. He and wife Susan Greene Menno live in Walpole with their two children, Lauren and Casey. • Congratulations to **Dannel Malloy** on being elected mayor of Stamford, CT this past Nov. Dannel defeated two-term Republican incumbent Stanley Esposito with 60% of the vote. Dannel and wife Cathy have three children. • Wedding bells rang in Nov. for **Eileen Ruggiero** and Robin MacDonald who were married on Long Island. • **John R. Jepsen** and wife Joann live in Rowayton, CT; in Nov., they became the proud parents of twin sons Jonathan Robert and Christopher Joseph. The twins made the Jepsen's a family of five. Congratulations! • **Marcella Jenkins** lives in Danbury, CT and is the head of reference at

the Danbury Public Library. She also writes (under the pen name of Marcella Breton) for *Jazz Times* magazine, and is the editor of two anthologies, *Hot and Cool: Jazz Short Stories* (Plume, 1990), and *Rhythm and Revolt: Tales of the Antilles* (Plume, 1995). • **Becky Thalhofer** now lives in Chappaqua, NY with husband Lawrence Osborne and daughters Katy, 4 and Suzy, 2. Becky worked as a buyer for Marshall Fields in Chicago for 11 years, then sold real estate in Baltimore for five years. Her husband now works for Hugo Boss in NYC. • **Margaret Mastrandionio Fortier** lives Acton with husband Richard and five-year-old twin sons, Christopher and Paul. Currently, Margaret works as a business consultant, drawing on her lengthy experience in the high-tech and retail management industries. Richard is a software director for a startup company. In 1990, the Fortiers moved to Lyons, France for three years and did a lot of touring in Spain, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and England. While they were there, Margaret wrote and edited a bilingual newsletter for families moving to the area. They returned to the states two years ago, and Margaret writes they have just now finally learned to live without French bread! Sounds like a wonderful experience. You can reach Margaret through e-mail at <mrf@world.std.com>. • In Nov., **Greg Gailius** coordinated the fourth annual BC Club Baseball Night, in conjunction with the Big East Athletes Who Care and the Yawkey Foundation. The event raised \$45,000 for BC's baseball team! Greg is director of merger and acquisition practice at Price Waterhouse. • **Paul Sullivan** writes that he has worked for Intel Corp. for the past 13 years. He is currently architecture manager, a marketing position which involves advising large information and technology customers on using computers to their competitive advantage. He also serves as Intel's public relations spokesperson for the East Coast, which recently involved unveiling the Starbright Foundation. This project is a collaboration between Intel and Steven Spielberg's Worlds, Inc. to provide computer technology to seriously ill children at hospitals around the U.S. Boston's Children's Hospital is a part of the pilot program. On a personal note, Paul has been married to Laine Spath Sullivan '78 for 16 years. They live in Nashua, NH and have two boys: Conor, 8 and Brendan, 12. In his spare time, Paul works on his MBA at NH College. (It's closer to home

than BC!) • I'd like to end this newsletter with congratulations to **Dr. Joseph Ramos** on his up-and-coming marriage to Doreen Primiano in Aug. '96. Dr. Ramos is an anesthesiologist at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, NJ. Tragically, Joe's first wife Joan died four years ago at the young age of 36, leaving Joe with Kimberly, now 10, Christopher, 9 and Bryan, 8. Best of luck to you, Joe, on your new life. Dr. Gregory Perez '85 will act as Joe's best man. Greg and his wife Karen welcomed a baby girl, Julia, last April. • That's all for now. Thanks for all the great news; keep on writing!

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Greetings, my friends! This winter's blizzard put me in mind of the Blizzard of '78 and the week or so that BC and the Boston area (as well as much of the East Coast) were shut down during our senior year. Fond, if frosty, youthful memories as the class approaches the big 4-0! Lots of congrats are wished for **Julie Butler Evans**, who is expecting her fourth child in April. Julie is the founder/publisher of *Country Kids*, a regional parenting magazine out of CT. She and husband Jon, a senior financial consultant with Merrill Lynch, have three older kids: Blake, 12; Kenny, 10; and Janet, 3. (Kids, tell mom to write after the baby is born so that you can see your names in the BC magazine again!) • The class extends its condolences to the family of **John J. Dalton**, who died July 25, 1995, as the result of a fire originating in the apartment beneath his own. Jack was a district attorney in NYC and an ardent alumni booster who often referred students to the school he so loved. Sympathies may be expressed to his father George, who resides at 703 Philadelphia Blvd, Sea Girt, NJ 08750. • The class would also like to extend its sympathies to the family of **Robert F. Kiley**, who passed away last year. Vinfen Corp. in Cambridge has established the Rob Kiley Scholarship for "exceptional commitment to serving the consumer with dignity and respect." Donations in his name may be sent c/o Vinfen Corp., 950 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02141. • **Michael McManama** was promoted to director of marketing

for food special markets for Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., this past year. He is now managing the marketing functions of a number of divisions within the company. Michael and his wife Cathy have two children, Gregory and Maggie, and live in Plymouth where he coaches youth basketball and little league baseball. Michael also serves as an executive committee member of the Plymouth youth sports programs and is involved in charitable fund-raising and alumni functions. • Belated b-day greetings to my old roomie, **Kathleen Karla Messmore**. Please keep Kathy's father and uncle in your prayers, as both have undergone grueling surgeries this past year. • **Michael A. Murphy** has formed his own law firm, Michael A. Murphy & Associates of Boston. Michael will continue to concentrate on insurance law and litigation regarding product liability, complex personal injury, directors and officers liability, employer liability and premises liability. • **James F. Nicoletti** of Wellesley was named senior VP of Lynch Murphy Walsh & Partners. • I received a wonderfully unexpected letter from **Doris Schmitz Teal**. Doris, who lives in Breckenridge, CO, owns stores which import from Peru; she also flies part-time for American Airlines. Her two boys, Andrew and Jamie, are now quite grown up: Andrew in 2nd grade and Jaime preparing to start kindergarten this year (send pictures, Doris!). • No, you night owls out there are not seeing things, that is BC's own **Tim Stack** appearing in the late-night syndicated TV show, *Nightstand With Dick Dietrick*, a spoof of daytime talk shows. Tim is both the star and executive producer of *Nightstand*, and says that the show is doing quite well with the current college crowd. You can visit Tim at the show's Web site: nightstand.com. • Finally, my e-mail address is back up and functioning, so feel free to drop me a line if you tried before and did not get a response. Brightest of blessings.

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Hi! I hope all is well with you! • I attended a baby shower in Feb. for **Terrie Perella Pirozzi**. She and husband Rob were eagerly awaiting the arrival of their baby, born in March. I sat and caught up with

Missey Sheridan, who works at Stone and Webster and is finishing a master's in economics at Northeastern. • Deborah Foss Cox lives in Rochester, NY with her husband Steve and their children, Kristen and Steven. She would love to hear from old BC friends from UGBC, the paraprofessional leaders, or Shaw House at (716) 225-9151. Thanks for the Christmas card and newsletter, Deborah! • **Patricia Strahle Carroll** and husband Walter have three children: Kate, 9; Erin, 7; and Sean, 6. They have been skiing at Ascutney Mt. in Vermont, where they see the BC ski club practicing. Patricia is the executive director of a nonprofit corporation dealing with maternal and child health care in a four-county area in northern New Jersey. She was nice enough to send updates from her Christmas cards! **Tom and Mary Cronin Federico** have three children; Tom is an attorney in Boston. **Patricia Burgh** lives in New Jersey and is assistant provost at Seton Hall Univ. **Pam Linton** lives in NYC and just finished her master's at Columbia. **Lisa Marshall Rocheleau** has two sons, lives in Florida and is director of central services for a hospital corporation. **Holly Eisenberger Freyre** and husband Carlos live in Miami and have two children. **Tom Hyatt** lives in Maryland, works in DC as an attorney and has two boys. Patricia also mentioned that Tom wrote a book but forgot what the title is, so he'll have to write to me! Thanks for all the news, Patricia! • **Brian and Stacey Shannon O'Rourke** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Angus MacDougal, on Dec. 21, 1995. He joins older brothers Colin and Devin at home in Winchester. • **Lynn Carlotto** is the director of marketing for the Hartford Civic Center. She became engaged in December to Bill Block; a wedding date has not yet been set. • **Barbara Rodi** has been at Lotus in Cambridge for 11 years. She started as an interior designer and now is the worldwide real estate manager for Lotus, an IBM subsidiary. • **Nancy Stark Iezman** and husband Stanley welcomed Rachel Stark Iezman on Dec. 18, 1995. She joins big brother Seth and is charming them all! • **Sarah Peavey Carvalho** and husband Phil moved into an antique house in Darien, CT last summer, and were expecting a baby girl due in April! This news comes courtesy of **Betsy Nedeau Millane**, who keeps me well-informed about herself and her friends! • As for news on my end, I'm still working nights at the gym, and passed the personal

trainer course and exam. The children in my classroom think I'm a little crazy, as I'm keeping them updated on my fitness program! As you can see, people have been sending me news—keep those cards and letters coming!

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One more reunion story: Last summer, ten classmates, most of whom first met as freshman residents of Claver 3rd, gathered for a weekend of fun in downtown Boston to celebrate our 15th graduation milestone. Those participating in the celebration included **Chris Regazinni Bitrich**, now a mother of two living in Harwich; **Mary Mullen Vardaro**, also mother of two who lives in Plymouth; **Daria Rosati Palestina**, full-time project manager at ADP, mother of one and resident of Mendham, NJ; **Mary Ellen O'Sullivan Smith**, who has two children, practices criminal law part-time and lives in Scituate; **Heidi Bear Hugo**, mother of two who also works part-time as an administrative assistant and lives in Falmouth, ME; **Carolyn Campo Marcoulis**, an attorney living in Atlantic Highlands, NJ; **Elaine Mladinich Mulrooney**, mother of three, living in Branchburg, NJ; **Patty Harvey Nascenti**, mother of four, living in San Diego, CA; **Darleen DJ Janis**, who works in Boston and lives in Revere; and **Nancy Ryan O'Connor**, mother of three and part-time magazine editor who lives in Shaker Heights, OH. • **Mark R. Cestari** recently returned to the area as president of New England USA, a six-state private-sector tourism marketing organization. Mark was appointed by President Clinton as a delegate to the first-ever White House conference on travel and tourism last Oct. He and wife Laura Hastert Cestari '82 reside in Newton Centre with their sons, Calvin and Craig. • **Bernadette Collins Zimmermann** and husband Mark reside in Glastonbury, CT with their five children. Bernadette is a full-time mom and works part-time as a pediatric nurse at Hartford Hospital. Mark is a partner with the law firm Updike, Kelly and Spellacy, which specializes in environmental law. • **Keith S. Mathews** was recently elected to the Alumni Asso-

ciation Board of Directors. Keith is a major accounts rep. for Journal Telemarketing in Providence, RI. He and wife Maria reside in Pawtucket, RI. • **James M. Campbell** was recently elected director of the Defense Research Institute, the nation's largest association of civil litigation defense lawyers. He is managing partner of the law firm Campbell & Associates, PC, which specializes in defense of product liability, toxic tort, employment and general negligence cases. • **Daniel T. Scrima** was elected assistant VP at BayBank in the property management division. • **Frances A. Reardon** has joined the GE Research and Development Center in Schenectady, NY as a systems designer. She and husband John reside in Ballston Lake, NY. • Congratulations to classmates recently married: **Kathleen Carboneau** recently wed Mark Hayner. Kathleen is a marketing manager with Lotus Development in Cambridge; they reside in Reading. **Mark G. Pashoian** recently married Judith S. Gascoigne. Mark is a CPA for Kontrol Co. in Woburn; they reside in Melrose. • That's all the news. Please write so I can pass along any info. to the class.

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Congratulations to **Mark Leary** and wife Kris on the birth of their fourth child, daughter Camden Marshall, on Nov. 27, 1995. Camden joins sister Madison, 2 and brothers Wagner, 5 and Gehrig, 6. The Learys moved from Walpole to Westford last spring. Mark is still with International Data Corp. in Framingham. • I enjoyed hearing from **John Campbell**, a first-time contributor to our column. Over the last 15 years (hard to believe, isn't it?). John has been in real estate, working for institutions, pension funds advisors and managers. When not working, John has been enjoying adventure travel, skiing and golf. John married Holy Cross alumna, Marie Faulkner, in '93. John is director of real estate services for Finard & Co., a Northeast real estate company. • **Patricia Zierak McCarty** and husband Daniel recently moved from Clifton Park, NY to the Short Hills, NJ area due to Daniel's job transfer. Patricia spent several years as the library di-

rector of the Burnt Hills Public Library, but is currently homemaker and full-time mom to daughters Katie, 5 and Elizabeth, 2. • Congratulations to one of my former roommates, **Lisa Caruso Austin**, and husband Dick on the birth of their second child, James Peter, in Jan. • One of my other roommates, **Patty Dunne Kenneally**, moved to London in Jan. with husband Gerry '80 and daughter Meaghan. • **Kevin Kraska** lives in Madison, NJ with wife Linda and two-year-old twin daughters, Caroline and Sarah. Kevin has been with Prudential for almost ten years after getting his MBA from Wharton. He is currently a VP with Prudential Capital Group, the largest originator and portfolio manager of private placements in the country. Kevin is busy this year as our class treasurer! • **Michael and Elizabeth Clancy Fee** live in Needham with their three sons: James, 7; Thomas, 5; and John, 2. Michael is a partner at the law firm of Ropes & Gray in Boston. • **George and Kathy Carroll Barrett** live in Milton with their three daughters: Erin, 6; Lauren, 4; and Kathleen, 2. • **Eileen Pearson Carlson** has a daughter, Megan, 2, and was recently promoted to managing principal at Oracle Corp. in Chicago. • **Karen Witten Golebiewski** is a special education teacher in W. Hartford. She is currently on a leave of absence, spending time at home with daughter Emma, 3 and son Jake, 1. • **Bill and Ellen Dessureau Donohue** have been busy growing their own business, Accutest, Inc. in Westford. Accutest provides federally-approved proficiency testing to hospital and physician's laboratories nation-wide. The CEO of the company is Brendan, 2—who, with the help of B.J., 9 and Lauren, 7—makes sure things run smoothly! • **Joe O'Loughlin** recently bought a home in Swampscott; he is a VP of investments at Advest in Boston. • **Brian and Ellen Essman** live in Wilton, CT with their three sons. Brian is CFO of Capital Publishing in NYC; Ellen is a senior manager for an accounting firm in Stamford concentrating in the not-for-profit industry and taxation. • **Stephen Romano** and wife Julie live in Seattle. They have two sons—Henry, 6 and Will, 3—and are expecting a third child this spring. Steve is a principal and portfolio manager at Sirach Capital Management. • **Brian and Debbie Androlewicz Landry** live on the island of Kwajalein in the Republic of Marshall Islands, way out in the Central Pacific. Brian, a.k.a. Jake, works for Raytheon,

which has a contract with the Army to operate radar and support services for the community. Debbie has been busy raising their daughters, Stephanie and Samantha—and setting up homes, as they've moved from Rhode Island to Colorado to Massachusetts to Kwajalein! • **Barbara Robinson Thompson** is enjoying Southern living in Raleigh, NC with husband Les and son Alex. Barbara is manager of advertising policy at pharmaceutical giant Glaxo-Wellcom Inc. • **Doug Virtue** and wife Pamela have four children and live in Rye, NY. Doug is president of D. Virtue Ltd., which designs, develops and manufactures perfume fragrance brands and bath lines. • **Lisa King** is a database administrator for the university development office at Harvard and lives in Warwick, RI. • Keep up the good work in writing during this special reunion year!

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Brian Cummins sent an update via e-mail from Korea. Brian is a U.S. Army Major assigned to a U.S. and Korean intelligence staff in Seoul, Korea. He and wife Patty have five children. Brian will complete his tour in July '97. • **Edward Marianacci** is now in practice with Suburban Radiological Associates in Lexington and is living in Newton. • Congratulations to **Tracy Charlton Acton** and husband Kipp, who announced the birth of their first child, son Brady, last Oct. The Actons live in Middleburg, VA. • Congratulations to **Cheryl Bellissimo Russo** and husband Tom on the birth of their son, Thomas David III. He joins sisters Ashley, Alexandra and Elizabeth in Weston. • **Cindi Bigelow O'Hara** wrote that she hosted a mini-reunion for her BC roommates at her home in Fairfield, CT. Cindi spent the afternoon with **Jill Stein Vaccaro**, **Diane Johnson Green**, **Ann Lesinski Reilly** and **Maureen Jeffers Raub** reminiscing about good times had at BC. Thanks for the note. • **Lisa Marie Cote** married Steven Lyle last June in Taunton. Lisa is a pediatric nurse. The Lyles reside in Torrington, CT. • **Maryellen Murphy** of Needham received a JD from New England School of Law last May. While at law school, Maryellen was a member and editor of the *New England Law*

Review. • **Pat Rocco** is practicing thoracic and general surgery at New Britain General Hospital. Pat and his wife have twin boys, Anthony and Austin, and a daughter, D'Ana. • **Michael Mancini** is sales/customer service manager for Tran Corps in Malden. Michael and wife Barbara live in Winthrop. • **Ann Cronin** is a nurse practitioner at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton and lives in Waltham. • **Chris Vossler** is a partner in the law firm of Howd & Ludoff in Hartford. Chris, wife Beth and children Robby and Sara live in West Hartford, CT. • Congratulations to the following classmates: **Joe Blood** and his wife Beth on the birth of their son, Andrew Joseph, who joins his sister Kelsey in Walpole. **Scott Finlay** and his wife Linda on the birth of their first child, Bridgit Colleen. The Finlays live in Annapolis, MD. • Hope all is well!

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Welcome to yet another exciting edition of class notes, and a warm welcome to all first-time writers. Here's the latest. • **Janice Manganello Steffens** and husband Rob had a baby boy, Eric Frank, in Nov. Eric's older brother Kurt is almost two. • **Frieda Albertini Duffy** is director of mental health services at Assabet Valley Home Health Association in Marlborough. Frieda married Dennis Duffy in '93 and recently moved into a new home in Lancaster. • **Bill Cassidy** and wife Annmarie announce the birth of their third child, Madeline Rose, born in Oct. Bill is a nuclear medical imaging specialist for Elscint, covering the Carolinas. • **Andrea Waggenheim Clifford** welcomed her new baby, Zachary Max, last Jan. Andrea and Bill live in Foxboro. Andrea would like to hear from her nursing friends **Karen Sullivan**, **Anne Marie Barrett**, **Sue Borriello** and **Terry Willett**. You can call her at (508) 543-6564. Andrea still sees **Grace Jones Steinberg**, who lives in Sharon with her husband and two beautiful children, and **Anne Brennan Mason** from Quincy. • **Mary Timpany Miller** attended Case Western Reserve Univ. School of Law after graduating from BC and practiced commercial litigation for two years. In '92, Mary married John Miller, Jr., and now has four

children, three dogs, two horses, and 12 chickens (at last count), all on a farm in Pennsylvania. Although Mary is not currently practicing law, she is busy running the household and helping John redesign and market a local retail store which sells goods manufactured by his company, The Miller Group. Mary says "hello" to her friends from St. Gabriel's, O'Connell House and "My Mother's Fleabag." • **Joe LaRocca** writes about attending **Dr. Tim Herman Healy**'s wedding in Albany, NY. Gordon Farkouh, Jim Cahill, Louis Giovannone, Steve Migridichian, Lauren Losso and Patty Murphy all attended while Pat Tyrrell pulled a "no-show." It was a great time, a nice ceremony and "no one got hurt." • **Lisa and Louis Giovannone** now have four children and live on Cape Cod. • **Mary Jill and Joe LaRocca** have three children and live in Manchester, NH. • **Susan and Pat Tyrrell** have three children and live in Virginia. • **Lauren Losso** and husband Bill Lynch have two children and live in New Jersey. • **Debbie and Steve Migridichian** have two children and live in Sturbridge.

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After working for the last two years with NYNEX Yellow Pages in Warsaw, Poland, **Maureen Cullum** recently resigned to join HBO International as CFO. She will continue in Poland for the next two years and encourages anyone working in Eastern or Central Europe to get in touch! • **Colleen Hennigan Brown** has also been living in Warsaw for the last two years. She is involved with the International Women's Group in Warsaw and the expatriate community in general. • **Glenn Cunha** graduated from Suffolk Law in May '95 and passed the Mass. Bar Exam last Nov. Waiting for his bar results, he competed in the Ironman Triathlon in Kona, HI on Oct. 7. Glenn crossed the finish line after eleven hours and two minutes of racing. The race included a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run! • **Brian A. Joyce** recently announced his candidacy for state representative in Milton and Randolph. The Democratic primary is on Sept. 17; Brian welcomes support from his many BC friends. He can be reached

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Hello! Happy spring! Happy 10th! Can you believe we've been out of school for ten years! Doesn't seem possible! My big news is that my old roommate from the Mods, **Gretchen Papagoda Parisi**, and her husband Ray are the proud new parents of Laura Joann! **Paul Scobie** and I went down to Virginia to see the new addition to the family and had a great time! Paul is living in Boston and is a consultant in the giftware industry. • Also, congratulations to my dear friend **Maureen Connaughton Apap** and husband Paul who are the new parents of Thomas James! Other news from friends of ours is that **Joe Ramirez** and wife Debbie have a new baby, Alexander. Congrats!! **Chip Walsh** was recently married and also named a partner in his New Haven law firm. Good job, Chip! • **Cindy Voloshin Barry** wrote that she has a new baby, Matthew, who joins his sister, Caroline. • **Mary Jean Blood Yencho** lives with husband Mike and daughter Jennifer in Hebron, CT. She told me that **Diane Malone** lives in Montville, CT and works for Pfizer Pharmaceutical Corp. • **Marybeth Paul** and husband Jim McGonagle have a new baby, Kayley! Congratulations! Marybeth let me know that **Mark and Martha Madaus Gowetski** have another addition to the family, Jack, born in Aug., and **Lisa Wilkens Warren** is an attorney in St. Johnsbury, VT. Marybeth would like to hear from **Greg Fallon** (we would too!) Greg, write to Marybeth at 121 Canterbury Lane, Lansdale, PA 19446. • **David Bricker** is the new father to son, David, born in Dec. Congrats. • **David Macaione** received a JD/MBA from Vanderbilt and is now the in-house counsel for the Nashville Network. • **Eric Weinheimer** received his MBA from Univ. of Chicago and is an account executive for the Union Bank of Switzerland. Eric and wife Tina live in River Forest, IL with their two children: John, 2 and the new arrival, Anne. Congrats to Eric! • **Michael Wood**, who received his MBA from New Hampshire College, was recently named VP of the investment department of Peoples Heritage Bank, Portsmouth, NH. Michael lives in Portsmouth and is active with the United Way and Junior Achievement. • It was great to hear from **Tricia O'Reilly**

through his campaign headquarters at (617) 696-0200. • **Vivian Kwuk Chu** is working as a bilingual teacher at Harvard-Kent School in Charlestown. Vivian and husband William, who were married in '88, welcomed their first son, Jordan Daniel, on Oct. 4, 1995. Jordan was baptized on Dec. 10; his godfather is **Damon Burrelli**. • **Kevin Cain** joined the Boston law firm of Peabody & Arnold as partner and specializes in litigation, aviation, toxic torts, environmental law and products liability. • **Adrian Kerrigan** is assistant VP for development at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. • **Mike Egan** is a partner at the Florida law firm of Steel Hector & Davis. Mike is at the firm's West Palm Beach office. • **Melissa Curran** wed Kelly Clark Connor last Oct. 14 in Norwalk, CT. They reside in Westport. Melissa is the owner of Rowayton Therapeutic Massage and Holistic Skin Care. • On Nov. 4, **Patricia Malcolm** married Henry Urguidi. They live in NYC. Patricia is a VP at Marine Midland Bank. • **Michael Sweeney** and wife Katie welcomed the birth of their first child, a baby boy, Dylan. Katie and Mike spend their time between Southampton, NY and NYC. Mike recently started an Internet company in NYC and can be visited at <<http://www.mvisibility.com>>. • **Mark Barr** and Sandra Nackley-Barr '78 welcomed their second child, Jacqueline Ann, on Dec. 5. Older sister Alexandra was 2 last Jan. • **Susan Govoni Sequeira** and husband Buzz welcomed Elisabeth Christina on Dec. 5. She joins sister Morgan. Susan and Buzz moved into their own home in Buzzards Bay. • Last Dec. 22, **Eileen Abbott** and husband Bob celebrated the birth of Morgan Anne Abbott Jacobs. She joins brother Bobby, Jr. Eileen is taking time off from TV reporting in Richmond, VA to be a full-time mom. • **William Athas** is manager of the accounting department of Asarco, a raw materials conglomerate headquartered in Manhattan. He and his wife Gina Surricchio Athas live with their two daughters, Michaela and Seana, in Bucks County, PA. Gina owns her own catering business called Party Bites. Bill has also joined the micro-brew revolution and is producing "Wet Willy's Ale." Unfortunately WWA is only available in northern Pennsylvania at this time, but he hopes to be distributing his tasty suds in New York and Boston soon. • **Bill Fullerton** is a manager at Coopers and Lybrand in Manhattan. Bill was re-

cently named corporate softball manager of the year by the Manhattan Softball Association. He and his wife Joette live in Massapequa, Long Island. • **Kevin Shine** lives with wife Loree and their four daughters, Erinn, Bethany, Catherine and Brenna, in Whitestone, NY. Kevin is director of strategic planning for AT&T. • **John Chambers** recently received his MBA from Columbia Univ. John chairs the systems analysis department of IBM in Manhattan, and can frequently be seen commuting between his Manhattan and Merrick, Long Island residences. • **Peter Smith** is a podiatrist practicing in Stony Brook, NY. He and his wife Kathy are still celebrating the birth of their son, Ryan. Peter has also had some of his art work displayed locally at the Long Island Young Artists Museum. The Smiths live on the north shore of Long Island in East Setauket. • At last report, **John Hermie Ryan** had resigned his position as an assembly engineer at Mattell, Inc., and was enrolled in Tufts College of Dental Medicine. • As always, it's been a pleasure to report the successes of fellow classmates. Please write!

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Hello again to everyone. I hope you're enjoying the arrival of spring. • **Laurie Loporchio** is working as a special projects director at *Boston Magazine* and has been quite active in several groups that assist and support the homeless. • **Siobhan Sheehan** has opened her own office in Duxbury where she is a practicing orthodontist. • **Vickie SanJuan** was married to Shannon Wheeler on Sept. 3, 1995. Vickie works as an attending physician in Seattle's Harborview Medical Center, Dept. of Emergency Services. **Judy Gleba** flew in for the wedding. Judy is married to Francois Kressman and live in Sao Palo, Brazil. • **Gail Schrimmer** is a practicing psychologist in Summit, NJ. • Congratulations to **Diane Graham Steblej** and husband Frank on the arrival of Alexandra Alexa Valerie on Jan. 9. They live in Mountain Lakes, NJ. • **Brian Rice** married Valeria Tonan on Sept. 10, 1994 in Marblehead. Brian is a sales representative for Bolle America. • **Paul Terrile** married Laura Macher in Hudson, NY.

who married Paul Onofrio in the fall! They are living in East Greenwich, RI. Tricia received a master's in social work and is a clinical social worker at Women's and Infants' Hospital. She let me know that **Eleanor Gaffney Vandermel** and husband Eric both work for Fleet Bank and live in Portsmouth, RI. **Roseann Foppiani Portfeld** and husband Eric live in Milheim, PA with son, Penn. Roseann is a psychotherapist. **Kathleen Dinn** lives in Boston and works at Fidelity. **Amy Glackin Lipin** is married to Steve Lipin '85. They live in NYC, where Amy trades options for O'Conner and Associates. • That's all the news from here! Write or e-mail soon!

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Hey gang! Hope that you're all having a great start to summer! Can you believe that our tenth reunion is less than a year away?!(We're not old enough!) We're going to kick off the celebration with a football game and reception this fall. Mark your calendars for Sat., Oct. 26 when the Eagles take on Syracuse. Watch your mail for ticket and party details. • Now onto the news: Congratulations go out to **Kathleen Roberts Kaiser** and husband Dan who welcomed daughter, Meaghan Elizabeth, in Nov. They live in Yorktown Heights, NY. **Bethany Kessler Doyle** wrote in with the news of her daughter's birth, also in Nov. Ashley Kessler Doyle joins brother Ryan, 3 and dad Ken in White Plains. Bethany is an at-home mom, which she loves! • I also heard from **Sue Ellen Giacomelli**, who was married to Matthew Murray last year. Among her guests were Mary O'Neill, Paige Ladendorff, MaryEllen Fitzgerald Pina, Stephanie Dadaian Thompson and Maria Malion McDonald. Sue Ellen is working at Bank of Boston and lives in the North End. • I got a great letter from **John Zogby** who opened his own law practice in Milford. He and wife **Marianne Murphy Zogby** welcomed their first child, Benjamin John, in Sept. Marianne is a software engineer, but is happily staying home for the time being. He also shared this news: his sister-in-law **Susan Murray Murphy** and husband Tom had their second child, Julia, in April. They live in Franklin. • **Jonathon Besse** married Melissa Lichwan in Sept.

They live in Framingham and both work for Arthur Andersen. • **George Gilboy** is spending a year in China, working on his thesis for his PhD from MIT. • I also heard from **Robert Rioseco** who married Dalinda Dindy Evans in June. They live in White Plains where he practices dentistry. Their guests included **Tom Turley**, who is working for a Connecticut-based disaster relief organization called Americas. • **Ted Dryden** lives with wife Ellen Gerend Dryden '88 in Boulder CO. He works with the Janus Fund Group. • Mr. and Mrs. **Aiden Redmond** and their new puppy Gordon live in Princeton, NJ where he works for Merrill Lynch. • **Adam Lowe** and **Mary-Kate Flaherty-Lowe** live in L.A. with their son Douglas. • **Jeffrey Spano** works in the insurance and real estate business in Harrison, NY, and **Michael Pfau** is a trial attorney. • I also heard from Herbert McCauley '54, who wrote in to tell me of his daughters' achievements. **Heather McCauley** was just honored as a member of the '95 Chairman's Club by Ziff-Davis, where she is a regional sales manager. She owns a home in Dallas. **Holly McCauley** continues to teach cuisine at the Cooks of Crocus Hill in St. Paul, MN, and shares two residences with husband Greg Herrick—Jackson, WY and Chalabre, France. She is also in the process of writing a cookbook. • **Janet Woodka** wrote to let us know that she's relocated from the fun city of New Orleans to the just-as-fun city of Washington, DC. • Congratulations go out to **William O'Shea**, who married Robin Duffy in Sept. '94. He received a JD from Western New England College of Law and is practicing with the Hartford office of Atty. Louis Keifer. They're at home in Springfield. • And on a sad note, I regret to inform you of the death of **Lisa Blank** in Aug. Lisa graduated from BC Law in '90, and was an assistant DA in Suffolk County. Our prayers and condolences go out to her family and friends. • That's it for now. Thank you to everyone who took the time to write—you guys make the column! Please drop me a line to let me know how your summer was and anything else that's new. See you in the fall!

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The pen has been passed. Our most gracious reigning queen of the class, **Kara Connell Thompson**, has retired from her post and dubbed me the scribe of our notes. Kara, on behalf of all of the Class of '88, I thank you for your years of dedicated service. And now the news. • **Will Anzenberger** has taken his JD/MBA to the CBA. After graduating with distinction from Univ. of Wisconsin in July '95, Will is lawyering out of St. Louis as deputy counsel of the Continental Basketball Assoc. Will is also president of the Missouri chapter of the Wisconsin Bar. Will flagrantly, but not foully, describes his presidency as there's "not too much to the position other than a really nice line for my resume." • Also updating her resume after graduating medical school at Case Western, **Dr. Anne Boyd** has become a veritable "pilot of her own destiny" (as quoted in the *Danvers Herald*). Anne, who admits to being "lousy with goodbyes" now gets to follow her patients throughout their childhood and beyond as a resident in the Beverly Hospital Family Practice Program in Beverly. Go, Oil Anne, go. • Updating their address labels are **Keith and Kathy O'Brien Longson** who have left my beloved Brooklyn for San Francisco. The two sailors and their adorable boys, Charlie and Benjamin, voyaged West last summer and now have been known to hang out with the elusive landlubber, **Rob Murray**. • Also gone west, **Kristie Kobelski Killough**, husband Atticus and son Gavin Patrick are enjoying the big life in Irving, TX. Atticus, a Univ. of Dallas alum, works the Web at EDS (formerly Ross's). Kristie spent the pre-Gavin years in pediatric nursing at children's hospitals in Boston and Dallas, and now spends her days reading BC's William Kirkpatrick's words to her son and hopefully teaching Gavin these words: "down with Notre Dame." • Another little one that will need to be Eagle-trained, Axel Thomas was born to **Eric Lifvendahl** and Susan Feldes '89 in Nov. '95. • And with a full nest, **Chris Westfahl** and wife Eileen Kilkelly Westfahl '87 now have two children, double-n Kenn and Richard. Chris is the Boston district manager for GE Capital Commercial

Real Estate Financing. • Looking for a lost Eagle: **Kerry Sullivan Hughes** is voraciously trying to track down **Jean Freeman**. Kerry has been known to wander the halls of the ICU at Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center calling, "Where are you, Jean?" Kerry's whereabouts are clear—she and husband Brian are living in Waltham with their two daughters, Colleen and Caitlin. Jean, when you surface, please give Kerry a call. • Yet another unsolved mystery, an "anonymous" letter (with a not-so-anonymous address label on the envelope) told us that **Donald Preskenis** lives in Upton with his wife Tina. Donald and Tina got hitched in October '94 at St. Ignatius. Don, tell your parents that the secret is out. • Another trip to St. Iggy's produced a veritable Eagle wedding extravaganza. **Julie Lynch and Brian Donovan** tied the knot on campus in Aug. '95, and had a record 44 BC alumni at the wedding—including 26 from our class. Due to the overwhelming numbers, I can't name you all, but you know who you are, God love ya. • Yet another Eaglepolooza—Mod 19B and 42B were "merged forever" at the nuptials of **Bob Aube and Elizabeth A. Woram** in July '95. An extensive list of '88ers were in the cast of characters, starring **Tim Gennetti** as the best man with wife **Michelle Perras Gennetti** by his side. After reunion recovery, the Aubes are making a happy home in Windsor, CT where Bob is in private practice as an optometrist and Liz is a 3rd grade special ed teacher. • Thanks for the news. Hope to see you soon on the 'Net or in the mail.

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Patti Reynolds married Chris Dephillips in New Jersey in Aug. '95. Patti's roommates, **Kathy Concannon, Noreen English, Kristen VanCott and Sheila O'Connor**, were bridesmaids. Her sister, Cathy Reynolds '83, was a co-matron of honor. **Ken and Kendall Karm Egan and Bryan and Kelly Furlong Stenberg** were in attendance. Patti works for Bankers Trust in investment management, and Chris is an associate at Porzio, Bromberg and Newman, a law firm in Morristown, NJ. They live in Hoboken, NJ. • **Kathy Concannon**

recently was engaged to Matt Marvin of England. They are planning a spring wedding. Kathy is an English teacher at Xavier High School in NYC. • Noreen English graduated from Georgetown Law and works at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, a law firm in NYC. • Kristen VanCott is in Atlanta working on her master's in photography. Kristen also has a photography business in the Boston area. • Sheila O'Connor works for her family's restaurant group as a general manager at Four Courts Restaurant in Dedham. • Allison Baker Provost and husband David recently welcomed baby daughter Sarah Collins, born Dec. 2, 1995. • Dale and Lisa Crowley Dutile also announce the birth of their baby girl, Katherine, born Jan. 6. Congrats! • Ed Lyons and Colleen Keefe were married last Sept. in Wellesley. Colleen is a public policy analyst at Paine Webber Group in NYC, and Ed is a senior underwriting officer at Nac Reinsurance Corp. in Greenwich, CT. • Brian Cashman and wife Julie had a baby boy, Brian Michael Jr., on June 17, 1995. Brian a CPA, and was working for Ernst & Young LLP in Boston; he recently accepted a job as group manager of corporate accounting at Boston Financial Data Services. • Michael O'Loughlin married Marie Botteri on Jan. 13. Michael and Marie, who met three years ago during a snowstorm at the bus stop, had a sunny wedding day! (how appropriate). • Jeannette Wogisch married Keith Davison last Sept. Jeannette and Keith reside in Ringwood, NJ. Jeannette is an RN working in the surgical intensive care unit at Hackensack Medical Center, and Keith is a landscape contractor. • Marybeth Mikel Randall and her husband Jonathan welcomed the birth of their son, Colin Patrick, on Oct. 18, 1995. • Jane Riley married Timothy Rose last May. Jane is a systems consultant for Bank of Boston. Jane and Tim live in Needham. • Lisa Profetto married Eric Goodman last summer. BCers in attendance included Kari Karo, Susan Marble (who married Evan Cuthbert '88), Maureen Rohan and Heather Harrington. Lisa earned her master's in nursing from UNC Chapel Hill, and is now a pediatric nurse practitioner in a private practice in Chapel Hill. Eric is also a pediatric nurse practitioner at the Duke Univ. Medical Center. • Maureen Rohan married Michael Mullowney last Sept. in Boston. • Alissa Crowley married Bill Ford on Aug. 5, 1995 in Winchester. Clare Foye Messuri was maid of honor.

Alissa and Bill are living in Newton while she pursues her master's in education at BC. Alissa is a conference and seminar planner for BC's Center for Corporate Community Relations. • John Shay married Carla Haas on Feb. 4, 1995 in Detroit, MI. Gary McFarland, Kevin Elwood and Andres Romero were in the wedding party. Also in attendance were Gina Palmisano, Jenny Sanders, Terry Seery, Randy Sliker, Michelle Leonard, David McAuley, Rich Nunez, Sheila Burke, Deidre Casey, John Doyle and his wife Janice, Tiffany Crandall Elwood and Carmen Evangelista Harten. John is currently handling insurance claims for municipalities in Michigan, while pursuing a MPA at Oakland Univ. for a career in city management. • Seth Hamed and wife Jennifer are as happy as could be to announce the birth of their first child, Jack, a healthy 8 lb., 13 oz. boy. Seth still works at Alex Brown in Baltimore and owns a home just north in Timonium. Kevin Brennan is nearby in DC, working for Democratic Congressman Follieta from Philly. Chris Gillespie is in DC, working for the Democratic National Committee. • Whitney Smith is in Dallas with wife Joanna. • Dave Lynch is in NYC working as an editor and writing a book. • Tom O'Malley and wife Lilly live in CT with their son Tom. • Steve Rooney and Chrissy Ford were married last summer. Last summer also saw the weddings of Tom Cullen and Kevin Geraci. • Pat Giller's wedding last New Year's was "a bash to end all bashes." Pat and wife Katie are in Ohio. • The class extends our deepest sympathy to Kathleen Medeiros Barrett for the loss of her husband, Richard Barrett. Richard died unexpectedly on Oct. 31, 1995. In the desire to keep alive Richard's spirit and memory, Kathleen and Richard's brothers and sisters have established the Richard J. Barrett Memorial Scholarship Fund. It is their hope that the scholarship will provide financial assistance to students at BC. Donations to the scholarship may be sent to Wainwright Bank and Trust Co., c/o Amie Nastasia, 63 Franklin St., Boston 02110-1301. Richard loved his time at BC and was a strong BC supporter. To Kathleen, the Barrett family and friends, we offer our sincerest condolences.

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Just a reminder in case you missed it in the last issue: you can send me any updates via the Internet if you have access to it and would like to do so. My e-mail address is above. • John Forbes will marry Cecilia Converse in Atlanta over Memorial Day weekend (May 25, to be exact). Matt Tullai will be in the wedding party. John spent several months last summer in a Spanish immersion program in Cuernava, Mexico, near Mexico City. Upon his return he accepted a position in the marketing department of Cox Communications in Atlanta. • Chandler White and wife Gloria Gaines '85 live in Bethesda, MD with their four children; Gloria is a physician and Chandler is the head of baggage at Dulles Airport. • Dave Johnson and Melissa Calavini live in Cherry Hill, NJ. • Matt Kelly owns a plastics company with his father in Bridgeport, CT. • Now for the Dan O'Donnell update: Dan graduated from Univ. of Michigan business school with an MBA and is now a bond salesman with Merrill Lynch. Dan was recently transferred from New York to San Francisco. He lives with Jim Callahan, who is a consultant for Callan Associates, a pension and money management consulting firm. • Chris Prassas and Michelle Annet were married in August at BC; they live in Chicago. • Matt McCooe lives in New Mexico and works for Becton Dickinson. • Andy Mellett was promoted and transferred by The Discovery Channel to L.A. • Chris Appler is in the third year of his JD/MBA program at Washington Univ. in Saint Louis. • Bridget Casey is a second-year medical student at Saint Louis Univ. • Boomer Coles is a first year MBA student at New York Univ. • Chris Henteman is a VP and mortgage trader at Solomon Brothers in Manhattan. • Mike O'Leary is a derivative salesman at Goldman Sachs. • Jane Boyle is a second-year MBA student at Columbia. • Tripp Tirpak works for DLJ in New York. • Len Jennings is a sportscaster in Burlington, VT. • Mike Kennedy married Colleen Grady '89 this past fall; they live in La Porte, IN. • Bob Bisset has returned to Boston and is seen frequently at all BC-related social

QUESTION

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gatherings. • Patrick Crack Morrison sends his greetings from Venezuela. • Chris Ostapchuk is an assistant basketball coach at Univ. of Hartford. • Emma Redmond is earning a master's degree in nursing at Columbia Univ. • Mike Smith is practicing law with a Chicago firm. • Abby Casner and Jeff Ackerman were married June 17, 1995 in Nonquitt. Jeff will receive his MBA from Kellogg this June, after which the couple will move to San Francisco where Jeff will begin work with Andersen Consulting's strategy group. Abby is a marketing and advertising consultant with an on-line company via America Online. • Maura Lynch received her master's in international law and diplomacy last spring from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Prior to graduation, she worked with female asylum-seekers in Boston through Harvard Law School. In July, Maura went to India to work for Catholic Relief Services, where she will spend the year. • Jennifer Gioioso and Philip Sliney were married in May '95 at Saint Mary's Church in Danvers. A reception followed at the Danvers Yacht Club. Maid of honor was Corinne Castano, who is marketing manager for the social sciences list at DC Heath Publishing Co. in Lexington. Anthony Braccio was best man; he is a portfolio manager at Putnam Investments in Boston. Another member of the wedding party, Susan Donato Milligan, is a physician's assistant

on Long Island. **Christine Garbis**, who did the readings, will be hearing her own wedding bells soon. Other '90ers in attendance: Lt. **Michael J. Monsour** of the U.S. Navy, who is still teaching in Newport; **Stephen Grant**, a programmer analyst at Powersoft Corp. in Concord; and **Felicia Tierney Goulart**, a human resources executive who resides in Connecticut. After their Bermuda honeymoon, Jenn and Phil relocated to St. Louis, MO where Jenn is head of planning for JW/Oaktree/CODA stores, a division of Edison Brothers, and Phil is employed by the U.S. Government. • **Michelle Moran and Jim Moriarty** were engaged at Christmas and plan an Oct. wedding. • **Colette Legault** and Kevin Fries were married last Sept. Colette is a registered nurse at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, CA. They live in San Diego. • **Cheryl Moreshead** and Frank Rispoli were married last year; they live in W. Roxbury where Cheryl is a programmer/analyst at Thomas Cook Travel. • **Julie Miller** and Dean Freking are married and live in Greenwich, CT where Julie teaches in the Greenwich public schools. She has a master's in education from BC. • Many classmates have expressed their sorrow over the death of **Dan Murphy**. We extend our condolences to his wife, **Laura Shubilla Murphy**, his family and friends. Dan will be missed and always remembered by the Class of 1990.

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I hope everyone enjoyed our 5th year reunion! • **Cathy Im** completed her master's in special education at Loyola Marymount Univ. in Calif. • **Laura Smith** married Sean Harrington in Boston last Dec. • **Kenton Brooks** is studying to pass the bar in Southern Calif. • **Evemarie Brosnihan** married Robert McNeil III in March '95. She received her master's in education from Wheelock College in Boston in Aug. '95 and teaches first grade in Littleton. • **Susan Miles** works at Fidelity Investments. • **Kristen Abate** married Conn. state trooper Eric Daigle in June '94. • **Catherine Weymouth** married Scott Stevens in July '94. Cathy teaches fifth grade in Norwood. • **Zoriada De Freitas** works at the Mass. State House and lives with her husband Joe in Norton. • **Jaennette Salas** lives in Maryland. • **Kathleen O'Donnell** earned her master's at Univ. of Maryland College Park and works for the NYC Public Library. • **Lynn D'Jamoos** married **Donald Armstrong** in Aug. '95. Lynn teaches kindergarten in Littleton. • **Jocelyn Picard** married Kurt Fauerbach. • **Kristy Lutz** was working at the World Bank in Washington, DC until she left her job to pursue an MBA in finance at Vanderbilt Univ. **Pete Balboni** is also at Vanderbilt, working on his MBA. Contact Kristy by e-mail at : <LutzKK@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu>. • **Jamie Elias** was working as a CPA in Miami but returned to Boston to pursue his MBA at Harvard Business School. • **Heather Munroe** works for the Univ. of North Carolina Chapel Hill. She is currently editorial assistant for *Arthritis Care and Research*, the official journal of the Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals. She has also been doing some modeling and teaching aerobics classes. Heather is looking for the whereabouts of a few of her BC chums: **Kirsten Frankenhoff**, **Heather Garrigan Hentz**, **Jamie Cassavoy**, **Clinton Kelly**, and **Javier Barrera '90**. Heather's e-mail address is: <munroe.thurston@mhs.unc.edu>. • **Nancy Brooks** was aboard the recent alumni cruise through the Panama Canal. • **Jill Jenkins** got engaged this past Nov. • **Kate Glover** is expecting a baby. • **Tina Dienhart** is in Germany working as an analyst for pharmaceutical and

chemical companies at the Bayerriche Vereinsbank in Munich. She has enjoyed all the great skiing in Germany and was quoted on the front page of the European *Wall Street Journal*. Her address is: Bulowstr. 16-6, 81679 Munchen, Germany. • **Juliana Johnson** married **Patrick LaRue** on June 24, 1995 in Houston, TX. Among the attendees were Alicemarie Hand, Jonathan Mulrooney, Beverly Ehinger, Michelle Desveaux and Jeff Klaus. • **Michelle Verzillo Carpenter** had her first child in May. • **Laura Jeffers Hamel** had her first child in April. • **Nicole Herbst** works as a prosecutor in Washington state. • **Paul Kynasi** attends grad. school. • **Angela Siraco** is in the teaching program at UMass. • **John Desimone** has a new apartment overlooking Manhattan Beach. • **Lisa Dimidjian** is engaged to Anthony DiMeo '92; the wedding is planned for June '97. • **Jerry Mahoney** is a Boston police officer in Roxbury. • My latest is that in April, I was the maid of honor at my childhood best friend's wedding. It took place in Long Island because no place in Boston could accommodate the 900 plus guests! **Jeff Doretti** and **Melissa Schwab** were also at the gala event. • Please note that when you write to me your letters may not make it into the next issue because of my deadlines for this column, so you may have to wait two issues before you see your news. That's all for now.

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Here's the latest news: **Wendy Madigan**, **John Rijo**, **Tom Tierney** and **Rich Roberts** are working for the Walt Disney Co. in Burbank, CA. They all work in the internal audit department. John, Tom and Rich left Coopers and Lybrand in Boston, and Wendy left Price Waterhouse in Chicago, to join Disney. They all live in Santa Monica near each other and the beach. • **Jessica Bays** married Robert Barnes in N. Carolina this past Aug. **Hillary Roscoe** was the maid of honor and **Whitney Wells** was a bridesmaid. **Maureen Lucas** did a reading. The couple now resides in Austin, TX. • **RoseMarie DeLeo** and Chris Anastasiades were married in Oct. at St. Clement's Church in Medford.

They spent their honeymoon in Disneyworld and cruised to the Bahamas. Rose Marie is aquatic director at the Cambridge Family YMCA. Other classmates attending the wedding were Kerrie Keer, Mike Ryan, Suzanne Marion, Cristin McNamara, Mary Ellen Collins, Lynette Alon, Jim Owens, Ann Cronin and Jack Romano. • **Lisa Reinhardt** is working for Olympus Image Systems, Inc., a Long Island-based computer peripherals company. Lisa lives in a huge old 1820s farmhouse with friends on Long Island. You can write to her at: 36 Old Jericho Tpke, Jericho, NY 11753. • **Lou Kodumal**, **Dana Herrmann** and **Lori Schneider** graduated from Univ. of Pittsburg School of Law and passed the Penn. bar exam. Lori is practicing law at Mancini and Associates in suburban Philadelphia. • **Edward O'Connor** is engaged to Heather Barret of Gulf Breeze, FL. Edward is a first lieutenant in the USMC and is currently undergoing advanced strike pilot training in Kingsville, TX. Their wedding was planned for April. • **Emily Sorblom** and **Timothy McNamara** were married in Nov. at St. Ignatius Church. A reception was held in Mill Falls Restaurant in Upper Newton Falls. The couple honeymooned in the Caribbean. Emily is pursuing a pharmacy degree at Mass. College of Pharmacy. Timothy is a trader at Charles Schwab & Co. • **LeAnne Myers** married Craig Haba in Sept. at St. Ignatius Loyola at Fairfield Univ. in CT. The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica. They currently reside in Bridgeport, CT. LeAnne is a merchandising manager at JC Penney, Inc. • **Nicholas Triant** married Marybeth Irwin at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Boston in July. Nicholas is a computer programmer at Standard Thomson Corp. in Waltham. The couple spent their honeymoon in Ocean City, MD. • **Julia Schull** married Jason Knipe in April '93. **Kristan Nalezny** was a bridesmaid. **Stacy Smith** and **Beth Jacob VanLenten** also attended the ceremony. The couple honeymooned at Little Dix Bay on Virgin Gorda. They currently live in Doylestown, PA. Julia gave birth to their first child, Julia, in Aug. • **Debbie Shea** was married to Tim Berryman in Millis. The couple lives in Altamonte Springs, FL. The following classmates attended the wedding: **Alana Madden**, who is working for Putnam Investments in Tampa; **Jerry Jennings**, who recently graduated from law school; **Lori Healy**, a fourth-year medical student at Tho-

mas Jefferson Univ.; **Shaleen McCarthy**, who works at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston; and **Jennifer Leahy**, a first-year student at Harvard Business School. • **Joseph Pezza** married Jennifer Barone in Aug. The couple resides in Brighton. Joseph is a law student at Suffolk Univ. Law School. • **Heather Ann Kasperzak** married Peter Keating of Weston at the BC Trinity Chapel in July. Their reception was held at Nashawtuc Country Club in Concord. They live in Shrewsbury. Heather is a Mass. state trooper. • **Brian Dossie** married Melissa Fletcher in Oct. They honeymooned in Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon. **Jim Bowley** and **Tom Tierney** served in the bridal party. • **Eric Brock** married Susan Clough '93 in Sept. Eric is a senior auditor at Ernst and Young in Boston. He is now studying for his MBA at Univ. of Chicago. • **Andrea Gulino** and **Sharon Kelly** had a great time on the recent alumni Panama Canal cruise on the Love Boat, the Royal Princess. • Thanks again for all of the mail. Looking ahead, you'll see that our 5th-year anniversary is fast approaching. Why not mark your calendars now to make sure you'll be included in scheduled events? Computer-aces can e-mail me at the c-mail address above.

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I moved! Please note the change in address above. • According to **MJ Coyne**, he, **Matt Gagne**, **Jonas Geiger**, **John Neuhauser** and **Bob Baltimore** were struck by lightning while camping in July. A night in the hospital healed any damage—they think. • **Ann Boyle** is a 1st Lieutenant stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. She wishes **Thea Murray**, **Jen Grady**, **Tricia Shaw** and **John Perkins** well. Ann's e-mail is: <boylea@lewis-emh2.army.mil>. • **Sean Curran** has returned from Scottsdale, AZ, where he won a statewide ballot initiative while working for a national political consulting firm. Sean now works for McDermott/O'Neill & Associates. • **Kelly Khozozian** is splitting her time between running a legislative office at the state house in Boston and raising money for the construction of an Armenian Catholic Church in Watertown. Kelly and Sean are

both hearing wedding bells! • **Ken Dumas** and **Derek Wessel** have cut the cord and moved out of their parents' to live in Oak Square. You can e-mail Derek at <DerekWess@AOL.com>. • **Joe Ramos** returned to Boston to work for State Street Bank after a successful two years with New York Life. • **Howard Xiao** is living in Tokyo where he works as a marketing specialist at a subsidiary of Adobe Systems Inc. He sends regards to roommate **Eric Leal** in Mauritius! • **Scott and Clare Sweeney LaGrand** had a baby girl, Olivia, in Jan. • **Kerry Noone** works at Reebok in Boston where she recently received yet another promotion! • **Carolyn Adams** is studying at Columbia Univ. working towards her master's in education administration. • **Matt Hendrickson** lives in Brooklyn and works as an associate editor for *Rolling Stone* in NYC. • **Mark Enea** lives in NJ and enjoys his job as project manager at AT&T Global Services Market Planning. • After working for an international medical assistance company, **Wendy Belzer** moved to DC to seek her master's in international relations at American Univ. • Spoiled by the weather, **Beverly Soares** is working on her CPA while at Coopers and Lybrand in Bermuda. • **Derek Hedges** works for an air pollution equipment company, Therm Tech Inc., in Southern CA. • Word has it that **Amy Poehler** is doing some terrific comedy work in Chicago and NY. • **Jennifer Good** works for a motion picture literary agent at Susan Smith & Associates. • **Ali McDonald** received her master's in elementary ed. from Vanderbilt. She'll be teaching and coaching the fencing team at a school in Boston. • **Ellen Seo** is working and going to school in NYC. • **Megan McGrann** is studying public health at Univ. of MN. • **Claire Cardelia** is in grad school in NYC, studying non-profit administration. Word has it she sings in a band on the lower East Side and can be found at Otto's on weekends?? • **Jennifer Williams** moved back to Boston to get her MSW at BC. • **Andy Melli** is in his final year at Seton Hall Law School. • **Kim LaGraize** is a dental student at Louisiana State Univ. and will receive her DDS in May '98. Kim was recently engaged to Brian Bent and is planning a June '97 wedding. • **Susan Clough** and Eric Brock '92 were married in Sept. '95. Susan received her master's in education at BU last summer. • **Tim Bell** and **Tina Austria** were married Memorial Day weekend '95 and now live in Morristown, NJ. Tina received her

master's in speech pathology in May. • **Kris White** and **Bill McDonough** are engaged and planning a July wedding. Kris teaches kindergarten, and Bill works for Lindenmeyer Munroe. • **Vicki Mikulski** and John Cloutier '92 are engaged. The couple is planning a June wedding at BC, and will live in Fairfax, VA. • A spring break fling has turned into a lifetime commitment for **Karen Abucewicz** and **Dan Cushing**, who were engaged in Jan. and are planning a May '97 wedding. Karen works as a product marketing manager for Baranof Software, and Dan is a senior sales rep. with TAD Technical Services. • **Deanna Villegas** is engaged to Dr. David Lopez; they were planning a May wedding. Deanna is working for the Federation of State Medical Boards as director of human resources. In Dec. '95, she graduated from Texas Christian Univ. with a master's. • **Danielle Salvucci** is engaged to Brian Black and is planning an Aug. wedding. Danielle will graduate from BC Law this fall. • **Dan McGinn** and **Amy Jutras** were married in April '95. The couple will move to Detroit, MI this summer where Dan will be running *Newsweek*'s Detroit bureau, and Amy will pursue a job in elementary ed. • **Christa Tyrol** and Leif O'Leary '94 are engaged and getting married in Sept. at St. Ignatius. • **Denise O'Donnell** married Patrick Canavan on Oct. 28. The couple met at Deloitte & Touche in NY, where Denise is a senior accountant and Patrick is a manager. • **Paul Morley** and **Cristel Glennon** are engaged to be married this fall. Both live and work in DC; Cristel at Deloitte & Touche and Paul as the stunt double for David Caruso in an upcoming film. • **Patrick Goddard** and **Allison Hughes** were married in Nashville, TN in Sept. '95. They live in San Diego and both work for a development and consulting firm. • **John Towers** has gone and married a BU grad, Jennifer Strom! The couple lives in Atlanta, where John works for the law firm King & Spaulding. • **Jeanie Zmijewski** is engaged to be married in July to Philip Taddeo. Jeanie is a bilingual teacher in DE. **Laura Milano** will sing at the wedding. She works in Boston, pursuing a musical career. **Cara McNally** will be maid of honor; Cara works at Pilgrim Health Care, and is pursuing a career in health promotion. • President of the BC Young Alumni Club, **Kathleen Haley**, and director of communications, **Heather Axworthy Sexton**, encourage all local classmates to join the club—it's a great time.

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Spring is a time of new beginnings. The snow melts away, leaving room for new creations. • One of our own has established an innovative concept that will assist you during the cold winter nights or the hot summer ones ahead. For all you beer lovers, **Arun Mathur**, co-president of World Beer Direct, can bring American and international beers right to your door. Great idea! For more information, call (800) 609-ALES. • **Andrew J. Harris** received a promotion to publicist at Gray & Rice Public Relations. • **Joe Logudic** and **Joe Del Guercio** are working for Ernst & Young in NYC. • **Doug Walbert** and **John Wagnespack** are working for SEI in Philadelphia. • Buffalo Bill fans, beware! **Jan Eberle** is working in the marketing and sales department. Way to go! • **Kelly Jones** is a fourth grade teacher at the Deep River Elementary School in CT. • **Katie Brown** is teaching in Hawaii. • **Kristina Torrisi** has moved back to Boston and is working as a pediatric nurse at Boston Children's Hospital. • **Lisa Orbe** and **Kate Vanderslice** are back in Boston as well. • **Carolee Salerno**, Miss Western Mass., was a finalist in June for the Miss Massachusetts competition. Congratulations! • Springtime has planted the seed for many fall weddings: **Lisa Cinege** is engaged to Brian McGhee. The wedding is planned for Oct. • **Amy Dodds** and **Matthew Adam** are planning their wedding for Sept. 28 in Surango, CO. The couple will be living in Denver, CO. • **Jay Colbath** recently proposed to Tina McAlester '95. Their wedding is scheduled for May '97. • Last but not least, **Eric Woodberry** married his high school sweetheart, Jennifer Selcher, in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. • **Holly Hanlon** just completed her master's in child development and early childhood education from Wheelock College in Dec. She is keeping busy by substituting, writing her thesis and looking for a job. Congratulations and good luck, Holly! • **Rhoan Jones** is attending law school in Pittsburgh, PA. • **Kevin Mullen** is completing his year in VISTA, working with underprivileged neighborhoods to develop community programs in Dallas, TX. • **Julie Lane** is also volunteering in Greenville, NC. • **Vincent Russo** is completing his second year of the Peace Corps. He

teaches math and commerce, and is also working to maintaining a trade store in Fergusson Island, a small island of the coast of Papua, New Guinea. Hope all is well in your final year! • Those of you who knew **Sal Liberto** will not be astonished that he wrote this piece for class notes—and I quote: "Sal Liberto moved back to Boston in the spring after a one year stint as director of a Sylvan Technology Center in New Orleans. He brought his one-man music and comedy shows back to New England and continues to write magazine articles under his pseudonym, Zeke Tomar. He wishes delight upon you." Thankyou, Sal, for your words of wisdom. Always keep us up-to-date with your aspiring plans! • **Ann Lassotovich's** mother wrote in to let us know that Ann is doing fine in Turkmenistan. Please send Ann our best. • Don't forget to drop a line to tells us what's new or just to say "hi." Happy spring!

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Wow! The class of '95 sure is hard at work! • **Jennifer L. Thibeault** was recently appointed director for alumni programs at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. • **Calvin Lai** is an assistant account executive at Miller Advertising in NYC, and takes classes at the School of Visual Arts. • **Sandee Elum** works at Price Waterhouse in Boston as a staff consultant. • **Monet Uva** lives in Kobe City, Japan, participating in the NOVA program. Monet teaches conversational English to business professionals and plans to return to the U.S. in Aug. • **Rebecca Ulisse** recently returned from London where she was working through the BUNAC Program. Rebecca worked for Computer Warehouse as an administrator, and was able to travel extensively through Europe. • **Shawn Cassidy** works at Stanley Kaplan in Newton. • **Marilu Peck** is getting her master's in education at Columbia. • **Rachel Dudas** is getting her master's in education at Fairfield. • **Joli Gatzan** and **Candice Bertoline** are both teaching at a private school in Greenwich, CT. • **Lisa Patrizio** is teaching 10th grade English in Charlotte, NC and coaching the swim team! • **Ann Holbrook** passed her nursing boards in Aug. Ann works as an RN at a major hospital in CT. • **Liz Weiss**, **Joanne Sayers** and **Brett Donnelly**

are all working insane hours at Dean Witter. • **Craig Tyndale** works at Andersen Consulting in NJ. • **Bridget Shannon** works as an investment banker at Paine Webber in NJ. • **Rosina Giulante** and **Al Alcantara** both work in NYC at Ernst & Young. • **Erik Blischke** works at Peat Marwick in NYC. • **Steve Dorian** works at Fidelity Investments and lives in Brighton. • **Mark Molinsky** works at Ernst and Young in Boston. He lives with **Mike Harkey**, who works at Deloitte & Touche, and **Dave Milano**, who works at American Management Systems. • **Chris Twomey** is in his first year at UConn Law School. • **Anita Tsen** is in her first year of medical school at New York Medical. • **Jen Krauss** is in her first year at BC Law. • **Leah Sasso** has begun the buyer training program at Filene's in Boston. • Congratulations to **Vic Lapira** and **Tara Van Buren**, who are engaged! • **JVC** updates: In the Southern region, **Laura McIntyre** is volunteering in Atlanta, GA. • **Tica Randich** and **Marybeth Morgan** are both in Mobile. • **Elaina DiGregorio** is volunteering in Baton Rouge, and **Sile Dooley** is in New Orleans. • **Rebecca Danesco** is volunteering in Birmingham. • **Maryann Regan** is in Houston, and **Shelly Weinand** is in San Antonio. • Volunteering on the East Coast: **Colleen Adams** is in Jersey City at St. Patrick's School, teaching fourth grade. • **Elizabeth Brescia** is in the Bronx working at POTS (Part of the Solution) as a kitchen assistant in the soup kitchen. • **Mary Byrne** is in Portland, ME teaching third grade at Cathedral School. • **Kathleen Doyle** is a community organizer at Jobs with Peace in Baltimore, MD. • **Maureen Hadley** works at the Rheedlen Foundation as a case manager for families dealing with issues related to children's school absence. • **Molly McKenna** is in Philadelphia working as a legal assistant for immigrants at Catholic Social Services Immigration. • Volunteering for JVC in the Southwest region: **Jane Barbaro** lives with me in Mesa, AZ. Jane works at a domestic violence shelter. • **Chris Gaeta** is providing employment services to homeless men and women at the Chrysalis Center in L.A. • **Johanna Habib** works on Skid Row in L.A. at SRO Housing Corp., which strives to improve low-income housing. • **Tara Murphy** is also in L.A. teaching at the Dolores Mission. • In Oakland, CA, **Michael Bohan** works at the Alameda Food Bank, and **Tara Rapazsky** works at the San Leandro

Shelter for Women and Children. • In Sacramento, **Theresa Heitz** works at the Community Connection Resource Center, which provides re-entry and recovery services for prisoners, ex-offenders and their families. • Also in Sacramento, **Tia Manhardt** works in the dining room of Loaves and Fishes' Friendship Park. • **Colleen Keough** is in San Diego working for the North County Housing Foundation as a transitional housing project manager. • **Pete Hasselmann** works at San Diego Youth and Community Services, providing outreach to substance-abusing or high-risk youth and their families. • **Ann Hipskind** works in San Mateo as a counselor and advocate to battered women and their children. • In Santa Monica, **Amory Cotter** works at the Ocean Park Community Center, and **Jen Carew** works at the St. Joseph Center. Both centers strive to provide services and advocacy to the homeless. • In the Jesuit International Volunteer Corps are: **Meghan Kelly** in Belize City, teaching remedial students at St. Martin de Porres, and **Todd Kenny** in Micronesia on the island of Chuuk, teaching at Xavier High School. • It is with deep sadness that I close our notes with news that **Donald P. Brady**, who would have graduated with the class, died after a courageous battle with Hodgkin's disease. Our prayers are with him in heaven and with his family on earth. Peace to all those who knew and loved him.

due to consolidation of the company. All three daughters, Colleen, Cathy, and Carrie, are graduates of BC; one of their three boys, Michael, has been accepted to BC! • **Timothy Fahey** '78 of Franklin has been appointed assistant VP of Middlesex Savings Bank. • **Dennis Moran** '81, CGSOM '88 recently formed Moran & Associates, located in Framingham. Dennis plans to develop a high-caliber, top-quality recruitment firm focused on meeting the needs of tax, accounting and finance professionals. He also will continue to build stronger relationships with client companies. Good luck, Dennis. • **Carol Ann Parsons** '84 is pastor of Putnam United Methodist Church in Vernon, CT and held a domestic violence vigil for people from across eastern Conn. and parts of Mass. What Parsons wants to communicate to women in abusive relationships is that "they can get out." You're certainly responding to the needs of our age, Carol. • Our prayers and condolences are extended to the families and friends of **Sr. Denisita White**, CSJ '34; **John G. Welch** '62; and **Stephen J. Holland**, Jr. '69. May they rest in peace. • If you have any recent news, please drop me a note. I always like hearing from Evening College alums.

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Update from the Economics Department: **Dorothea Fonseca Werneck**, MA '75, is the minister of commerce in Brazil. • **José Hernandez**, PhD '95, has a tenure-track position at Zaragoza Univ. in Spain and at the BU Business School extension in Zaragoza. • **Meral Karasulu**, PhD '95, is an assistant professor at Bosphorus Univ. in Istanbul, Turkey. • **James Monks**, PhD '95, is teaching at Mount Holyoke College in S. Hadley. • **David Richardson**, PhD '95, is completing a two-year appointment at Davidson College in N. Carolina. • **Shamim Shakur**, PhD '88, is a lecturer at Massey Univ. in New Zealand. • **Van Newby**, PhD '95, is a visiting professor at Univ. College Cork. • **Michael Salve**, PhD '95, has joined Christensen Associates in Madison, WI. • **Gülcen Ünal**, PhD '94, accepted a tenure-track position at Middle East Technical Univ. in An-

kara, Turkey. • **Mark Kazarosian**, PhD '92, has written "Precautionary Savings—A Panel Study" which is forthcoming in *The Review of Economics and Statistics*.

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Sister Vera Herbert, MAT '60, has celebrated her 70th year as a Holy Union of the Sacred Hearts sister and her 60th year as an educator in the Catholic schools in the Fall River Diocese. **William P. Conners**, MEd, spec. ed. '73, CAES '82 and PhD school admin. '88, is superintendent for the Sutton schools. • **Dr. Paula Delaney**, PhD '94, ed. admin. and curriculum, is principal at the Sparrell School in Norwell. • **Deborah Ann Stec**, MA '83, counseling, earned her PhD at Marquette Univ. in 1995. • **Holly Barlow Sweet**, PhD '95, counseling psych., presented at the fourth annual Conference in Higher Education, "A View Toward the 21st Century," in Burlington, VT. Holly is director of the Cambridge Center for Gender Relations in Cambridge.

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Thanks to all of you who have sent or e-mailed notes to me. Please keep them coming, or we are going to have a very empty column in the next issue. • **Jay Ducharme** '91, Courtney and Christi say "hi" to everyone. He is now in DC and tells people to come and visit. • **Bill Kahrs** '71 is headquarters sales manager for Asia/Japan at Advanced Micro Devices in Sunnyvale, CA. • **Dennis Ahern** '93 is currently working as an attorney in general practice with the law firm of Ahern & Ahern in Kings Park, NY. He and his wife had their third child, Brendan Edward Ahern, in May '94. • **Maria Provenzano** '78 sent a Christmas card: "Hoping this finds all BC alumni filled with joy, peace, happiness and abundant successes." • **Gregory Hake** '93 and wife Sascha have relocated their business to sunny San Diego; he also has just

accepted an offer from Smith Barney to join them as a financial consultant. They say to look them up if you're in the area. • **Mark Kamphaus** '91 is now at Equity Sales Trader, 265 Franklin Street 12th Floor, Boston, MA 02110. • **Michael Ronayne** '79 has recently transferred to the Lufkin, TX resident agency of the FBI, and can be contacted at PO Box 1058, Lufkin, TX 75902. • **Kenneth Crowley** '80 is a project manager with Sapient Corp. in Cambridge, a firm that specializes in the accelerated development of client/server business applications. His home address is 73 Den Quarry Road, Lynn, MA 01904. • In addition to managing Beacon Insurance in Salem, **Jordan Hegedus** '78 runs seminars and provides estate and life planning for families with children with disabilities. Phone: (508) 744-3030/(800) 649-0330. • **Dr. Fuad A. Al-Omar** '88 is currently working as VP of finance in a Jeddah-based multi-national development financing institution. He obtained his PhD in management development from Univ. of Leicester, England in '94. His permanent address is: PO Box 64562, Shawikh (B) 70456, State of Kuwait. Telephone: 965-487-4716 (R), Fax: 965-487-6728. • **Kathleen Dyrek Rinaldo** '82 has been named managing director of marketing in NYNEX's New England and New York state operating area. She will build a team that will work to meet the communication needs of NYNEX's medium-sized business customers. She lives in E. Boston and Killington, VT. She is active in the NYNEX Association of Management Women and in Junior Achievement in Mass. • **Karen Edlund** '90 has joined Boston Financial's Finance Team as VP. She will be responsible for cash management, investments and banking relationships. • **Robert McGrath** '92 recently became assistant VP of mortgage banking at Ipswich Savings Bank. He is responsible for building the residential mortgage effort in southern Essex County. Still involved with his alma mater, Bob co-authored a business case study with Prof. Jack Lewis that was recently published in BC Professor Judy Gordon's textbook, *Organizational Behavior: A Pragmatic Approach*. Bob also lectures on home buying at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education. He can be contacted at 508-622-0728. • **Fred Grubb** '86 has been named VP of human resources at Cabot Creamery in Vermont. He is charged with the development of several new programs designed to ensure the con-

tinued training and development of Cabot's employees. • **Dennis Moran** '88 is proud to announce the opening of Moran & Associates. The goal of the company will be to develop a high-caliber, top-quality recruitment firm focused on meeting the needs of tax, accounting and finance professionals, while continuing to build stronger relationships with client companies. • **Patrick Cataldo** '68 has been named VP of Bellcore's Learning Services organization. • **Janet Britcher** '80 has joined the firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo in Boston as director of human resources. • **Mark P. Barry** '88 has been elected president of Coastal Technology, Inc., which provides operations, maintenance, administrative and asset management services to independent power and cogeneration projects. • **Rudy Ang** '88 is currently an assistant professor at Ateneo de Manila Univ. and also chairs the management department. He'd like any old friends to keep in touch through the Internet at <rudyang@pusit.admu.edu.ph>. • Finally, I am sorry to inform all of you that **Stephen Janshego** '75 passed away on April 7, 1995.

prepare graduate nurses with advanced clinical practice skills. She is a member of the Institute of Medicine committees on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. She has worked tirelessly to insure that funding for graduate education of nurses with advanced practice skills remains a priority in the national budget. Her efforts exemplify the kind of service orientation embodied in the Jesuit mission. • **Claire Donahue**, MS '83, recently joined Acton Psychiatric Associates as a psychotherapist in private practice. She has 15 years' experience as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist. Her areas of specialty include individual and group psychotherapy, stress treatment programs, women's issues, panic disorders, bereavement and grief and depression. • **Rosemary Theroux**, MS '86, has recently published a chapter in the textbook, *Multiple Pregnancy Epidemiology, Gestation & Perinatal Outcome*.

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Elizabeth Craig '94 is a social worker at Malden Hospital's inpatient psychiatric unit. • **Katherine Illes** '94 is a clinical outreach therapist at South Bay Mental Health Ctr. in Weymouth. • **Beth R. Barth**

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'84 is preschool coordinator at Somerville Mental Health. • **Donna M. Reulbach** '83 is director of protective services for the executive office of Elder Affairs in Boston. • **Audrey Dickerson** '78 was inducted into the Roxbury Boys & Girls Clubhouse Hall of Fame in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the clubhouses and club members. Under the leadership and dedication of Audrey, Pack 247 has earned accolades by the Boy Scouts of America as outstanding Webelos Leader, Cubbie and Parent Committee. Audrey is employed by the Mass. Dept. of Social Service as area director for the Solomon Carter Fuller Area 24, which covers Roxbury, N. Dorchester and the Back Bay. • **Robert C. Hubbell** '74 was appointed managing director of communications for Arthur Andersen, the world's leading professional services organization. Robert will be based in NYC and Washington, DC and will be responsible for strategic external and internal communications, as well as issues management for their worldwide organization. • **Mary Healey Donnelly** '64 is director of social work for Women & Infants Hospital in Providence, RI. • **Joanne Mullaney** '58 is an associate professor of nursing at Salve Regina Univ. She is active in Rhode Island discussions on health care reform. As president of the Rhode Island State Nurses' Assoc., she was one of those chosen to meet with Vice President Al Gore and other senior White House officials to discuss the Health Care Security Act. • We were sorry to learn of the deaths of former alumni. **William L. Chiantella** '89 died Oct. 5, 1994. • **James Wright Williamson III** '68 died May 8, 1995. James was a clinical social worker and scientific review administrator who had worked at the National Institute of Mental Health for 15 years, as well as being a legislative fellow with the staff of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources. Prior to this, James was pastor of Union Church of Springfield from 1960–1963 and led congregations in Worcester and Nashua, NH. James typified a life of dedication and caring combined with professional expertise. Memorial gifts may go to Christ Episcopal School Library Fund, 109 S. Washington St., Rockville, MD 20850; the Bethesda Jewish Congregation; or any heart research fund. • **James F. Watt** '59 died Aug. 17, 1995. • **Helen Goodwin Arnone** '64 died Feb. 2 following an acute illness. At the time of her death, Helen was co-

director of the Mass. Parole Program's Division of Forensic Mental Health. Since receiving her MSW, Helen held a variety of management and clinical positions throughout her 32 years of employment with this agency. Also, Helen was an adjunct assistant professor at the Boston Univ. School of Social Work, where she served as a faculty advisor and field liaison. Additionally, Helen was in private practice from '79 to '85. • **Margaret E. Peg Condon** '58 died Oct. 6, 1995. Margaret retired following 20 years as director of social work at Wrentham Developmental Ctr. During her semi-retirement, she continued as a consultant to this agency. During her professional career, Margaret was director of social work at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford; social work supervisor for the State Dept. of Mental Health; and she served on the State Human Rights Committee, as well as being active in non-professional organizations. • **Catherine Carey Tierney** '44 died June 29, 1995 at the age of 85. • **Catherine T. Kay White** '40 died May 12, 1995. Kay had worked as a social worker, then as director of Waltham Family Services until her retirement five years ago. She also was a part-time social worker at Waltham-Weston and Bournewood hospitals and for the Waltham Visiting Nurses Assoc.

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Paul C. Kelly '58, previously affiliated with the Boston law firm of Parker, Coulter, Daley & White, has joined Peabody & Arnold as counsel. • **William A. Cotter** '60 has become a partner in the Boston law firm of Peabody & Arnold, where his practice focuses on directors' and officers' liability issues and professional liability. • **George M. Ford** '65 was the keynote speaker at a recent meeting of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is a senior partner in the Boston law firm of Conn, Kavanaugh, Rosenthal, Peisch & Ford. • **Lawrence W. Schonbrun** '69 was featured in an ABC News special on lawyers that aired in Jan. • **Robert T. Gill** '72 has joined the Boston law firm of Peabody & Arnold as a partner. • **John W. Brister** '70 and **Leonard F. Zandrow, Jr.** '81 have

founded the Boston law firm of Brister & Zandrow. They concentrate in civil trial practice, including personal injury litigation, product liability and railroad law. • **John M. Moscardelli** '70, a principal in the Boston law firm of Peters, Smith & Moscardelli, has been named to a five-year term on the Boston Redevelopment Authority and is responsible for overseeing urban renewal efforts. • **Francis R. Fecteau** '72 has been named a judge on the Mass. Superior Court. He had been a partner in the Worcester law firm of Healy & Rocheleau. • **Daniel C. Crane** '75 has been appointed vice-chair of the Board of Bar Overseers. Crane is a partner in the Cambridge law firm of Finn & Crane. • **Mary K. Ryan** '77, a partner in the environmental department of the Boston law firm of Nutter, McCennen & Fish, has been elected VP of the Boston Bar Association. • **Rebecca J. Wilson** '79 is now a partner in the Boston law firm of Peabody & Arnold, where she specializes in litigation, professional liability, employment law, municipal law and personal injury law. • **Eric L. Stern** '81 has been named a partner with Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz and practices in the firm's Philadelphia office. He previously was chair of the real estate department of another Philadelphia law firm, Cohen, Shapiro, Polisher, Shiekman and Cohen. • Mass. State Senator **Dianne Wilkerson** '81 recently received the Woman of Achievement Award from the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston. She was honored for her professional accomplishments and community work. • **Victoria Page Wood** '84 has been named assistant VP and trust officer for Merrill Merchants Bank in Bangor, ME. • **Patrick J. McManus** '85 is now serving his third term as the mayor of Lynn. • **David W. Healey** '86 has been named a partner in the Quincy law firm of Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane. His practice focuses on employee benefits law and related litigation. • **Mariza Vazquez** '86 has founded the Southeast Florida chapter of the International Alliance of Holistic Lawyers, an organization dedicated to the practice of law through mediation and arbitration. • **Kevin C. Cain** '87, who had been a partner in Parker, Coulter, Daley & White, is now a partner in the Boston law firm of Peabody & Arnold, where he specializes in litigation, aviation law, toxic torts, environmental law and products liability issues. • **Dean Papademetriou** '87, special assis-

tant corporation counsel for the City of Boston, has been appointed to the city's Assessing Department's Board of Review. • **Christopher G. Betke** '88, previously with Parker, Coulter, Daley & White in Boston, has joined the Boston law firm of Peabody & Arnold as an associate. • **Michael C. Fee** '88 is a partner in the recently formed law firm of Fee, Craig & Feeney, PC, located in Watertown. He is a former senior litigation associate with the Boston law firm of Hinkley, Allen & Snyder. • **John J. Isaza** '89 is co-founder of ID Enterprises, a Laguna Beach, CA company that presents seminars designed to maximize corporate and individual productivity. Previously, he was an associate with the law firm of Barker & Richardson in Pasadena, CA. • **Armin G. Seifart** '90 has joined Hamilton Bank, NA in Miami, FL as its associate general counsel. Earlier, he was an attorney with the Washington, DC firm of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart. • **Leonard L. Spada** '91 has joined the Boston law firm of Peabody & Arnold as an associate practicing in the areas of tort law, product liability law and criminal defense. • **Debra Moss Curtis** '93 is director of Pro Bono Students America/Southeast Region and is based at the Nova Southeastern Univ. Shepard Broad Law Center in Fort Lauderdale, FL. • **William V. Hoch** '93 has joined the Boston law firm of Peabody & Arnold as an associate. He specializes in commercial litigation as well as directors' and officers' liability. • **Carlos E. Vasquez** '94 has become counsel in the office of the regional counsel for Visa International in Miami, FL. • **M. Elissa Boisvert** '95 has become an associate in the Worcester office of the law firm of Bowditch & Dewey. • **Michael A. Jensen** '95 has opened a solo law practice in Salt Lake City, UT. • **Gabriela Villalba** '95 has joined the Minneapolis, MN law firm of Gray Plant Mooty as a litigation associate. • **In Memoriam:** Thomas D. Murphy '33; Irving S. Meyers '40; Edward D. Hurley '46; Guerino D. Dellagrotta '47; John J. Bonner '48; Alfred W. Wiechniak '51; Edward W. Buckley '52; Richard M. Riley '52; John J. Flaherty '53; Robert K. Cunningham '57; John J. Daley, Jr. '58; Henry M. Kelleher '60; Hon. Okla Jones II '71; and Lillian Ambrosino '76.

DEATHS

Atty. Francis E. Falvey '23, Waltham, 1/29/95	Rev. Edward F. King '38, Hanover, 12/27/95	Robert E. Glavin '50, Fairport, NY 1/24/95	Edward T. Doherty '60, Deerfield, FL, 5/2/95
Edward J. O'Neil, Jr. '25, Hull, 1/13	James F. D. Lawrence, PhD GSSW '38, Brockton, 12/26/95	Joseph V. McDevitt '50, Barrington, RI, 11/12/95	Henry M. Kelleher, Esq. LAW '60, Scituate, 11/29/95
Rev. James L. Monks, SJ '26, Chestnut Hill, 1/16	Dr. Francis J. McMahon '38, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12/21	Alfred I. Murray, Jr. '50, Norwood, 12/2/95	Anthony F. Lacamera '60, Wilbraham, 2/4
Joseph L. O'Brien '27, Vienna, VA 2/4	Robert M. Roche '38, Towson, MD, 8/10/95	Savino J. Placentino, PhD '50, GA&S '77, Holliston, 12/14/95	Sr. Francis Agnes Dennehy, SND GA&S '61, S. Boston, 2/21
Francis M. Kennedy '28, Waltham, 11/8/95	Robert J. Burns, Jr. '39, Newton, 12/1/95	Edward A. Snell '50, Woburn, 6/17/95	James H. Blake GA&S '62, Verona, NJ 11/25/95
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Vincent A. Andaloro, MD '33, Lake Worth, FL, 1/28	John J. O'Shea, MD '43, Wrentham, 2/5	Jeremiah E. Donovan '53, Somerville, 9/17/95	James F. Tierney GA&S '70, W. Roxbury, 1/31
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Peter G. Fallon, Esq. '33, LAW '39, Scituate, 1/4	Philip E. Carey '44, Bridgewater, 11/30/95	John G. Haggerty '53, Fanwood, NJ, 11/29	Hon. Okla Jones, Esq. LAW '71, New Orleans, LA 1/9
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William F. Burns, PhD '34, GA&S '36, Dorchester, 2/7	Edward D. Hurley, Esq. LAW '46, Pacific Palisades, CA, 10/11/95	Robert V. Murray '53, Lynn, 2/24	Dr. John M. Malangone '74, Lake Grove, NY, 1/13/95
James G. Fay, Esq. '34, Wellesley, 12/9/95	Guerino D. Dellagrotta, Esq. LAW '47, Warwick, RI, 11/5/95	Dr. Joel M. Solomon '53, N. Potomac, MD, 12/27/95	John W. Brennan '75, Venice, CA, 12/3/95
James C. Murphy GSOE '34, Westwood, 5/18/95	Frederick W. Nedvins '47, Braintree, 12/3/95	Lt. Cdr. James F. Gibbons, USN '54, San Leandro, CA, 12/3/95	Lillian A. Ambrosino, Esq. LAW '76, Newton, 11/22/95
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Margaret Melican Kaufman '36, Plymouth Meeting, PA, 9/19/95	Walter E. McNally, Sr. '49, Lowell, 9/11	Atty. Henry E. Quarles, Jr. '56, LAW '59, Dedham, 1/21	Richard Joseph Barrett '89, Mansfield, 10/31/95
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ARIZONA

This past November, we changed the location of our annual clambake from the Royal Palms Resort to the campus of Brophy Prep, the Jesuit high school in Phoenix. This enabled us to have the Jesuit priests from Brophy and St. Francis Xavier Parish, as well as the nuns from Xavier Prep, as our guests. The turnout was terrific, and the lobsters flown in from Boston were absolutely succulent. We welcomed a lot of new faces and many former classmates and friends were reunited. • Also exciting is the hefty increase in the pool of high school students from Arizona applying to BC. The quality of the pool is very impressive!

COLORADO

The revitalized club recently hosted a reception for Alumni Association president Jack Connor '65, LAW '68 and executive director John F. Wissler '57, CGSOM '72. • Two weekends in April were scheduled for a housing rehab project with Neighborhood Partners; a family day at the Colorado Rockies occurred in May; and a weekend day of recollection is being planned for the fall.

CONNECTICUT**Hartford**

The BC-UConn men's basketball game took place on Sun., Dec. 3. The Bourbon Street North restaurant hosted a pre-game brunch for our 95 guests; a good time was had by all! • Our "Night of Networking," event was held on Tues., April 23 at the Goodwin Hotel in downtown Hartford. Jean Papalia, Associate Director of the BC Career Center, joined us to offer tips on effective networking. • If you'd like to become a member of the Greater Hartford club, please send your dues for the '95-'96 year to Deirdre Landers, 9 Rosewood Drive, Farmington, CT 06032. Dues are \$15 per member or \$25 per couple. Please make checks payable to: Boston College Alumni Club of Greater Hartford. • If you have any additional questions or would like more information regarding the club, please contact Rosa Silva at (203) 636-7205.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In September, alumni from BC and Georgetown traveled to picturesque Blue Ridge Summit, PA for a weekend retreat. We enjoyed several inspiring reflections from Fr. Joseph Durkin, who has both BC and Georgetown connections. • In early December, over 30 alumni and sev-

eral of their children braved the first snowstorm of the season to volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank, a major provider of foodstuffs to organizations serving the needy. Volunteers sorted over two tons of food and completed their other assigned tasks in record time before touring the facility. • The club also collected Christmas stockings for distribution by Exodus, Inc., an ecumenical Christian outreach program for young people on the streets of Washington. • We spent time together at a series of football telecasts at a local Arlington, VA sports pub. There was also a special BC-ND telecast at the Hyatt's Grand Slam sports bar. Unfortunately, area football aficionados will have to wait 'til this fall to watch what will hopefully be a more favorable outcome to this Catholic rivalry! • The club also shared in the enchantment of the Nutcracker, performed by the Washington Ballet, at the beautiful Warner Theatre. This popular holiday tradition was complete with a scrumptious, star-filled reception at Planet Hollywood. • Unfortunately, our annual career network night, scheduled at the Capitol for early January, was canceled due to the Blizzard of '96. We've rescheduled this event for early June. • Two club events were held in February. Area alumni gathered at the Foxhole in Arlington to watch BC-BU in the Beanpot hockey tournament. On Feb. 24, 200 alumni, family and friends headed to the USAir Arena to watch the Eagles outscore the Hoyas—almost. After the game, many of the club's young alumni attended a party at the 15-Minute Club, a popular nightspot, to "mourn" the 3-point loss. • In March, the club co-sponsored a St. Patrick's Day party at the University Club with Georgetown and Holy Cross alumni. • We plan to hold a congressional reception and panel discussion featuring comments by Sen. John F. Kerry, Rep. Edward J. Markey, Rep. Peter Blute, Rep. Robert C. Scott, and former Sen. Warren B. Rudman. • "The Past is Prologue," reads an inscription on the National Archives, and it's true for the club as well; we've just been assigned a "very, very heavy" house for this year's Christmas in April project—the home of Ruth Bryant, 616 Harvard St., NW. It's sure to challenge us with a full range of activities! • The club plans to kick off the season with a benefit in support of the Shannon Lowney Scholarship Endowment Fund. Shannon '91 was killed in Dec. of '95 in Boston; a scholarship is being established in her memory to provide

financial assistance to exemplary BC undergraduates. For more info., contact Molly Tschida at (202) 342-3730 (h). • Look for more information soon about upcoming club events, including a President's Reception and the Red Sox-Orioles game at Camden Yards.

ILLINOIS**Chicago**

The club is in the midst of another busy year! • We were honored to host the new president of BC, Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, at our second annual alumni Mass held in mid-February at Loyola Univ. We also were delighted when the president of Loyola, Fr. Piderit, joined Fr. Leahy in making some very insightful remarks. The presence of these two distinguished scholars made the celebration of our Mass an occasion none is soon to forget. • Our spring Bowling Bash in early March was another huge success! Held at one of the hottest new clubs in Lincoln Park, The Lucky Strike, this event drew BC bowlers of all kinds and—ahem—talents! Bowlers wore the ugliest bowling shirts they could find; prizes were awarded for the ugliest of the ugly! • The club also proudly unveiled our premier Chicago Alumni Phone Book, which features over 1500 alumni and friends living in the Chicago area. These books are now available at all club events. • Several sporting events are in the works, including the formation of the first ever BC Club of Chicago volleyball team—which will surely take the Chicago Social Club League by storm! Also, a group Cubs outing is sure to be a smash this June! • Many exciting events are sure to pop up throughout the summer and fall, as our active Volunteer Committee continues with their planning! • That's all for now!

INDIANA**Indianapolis**

On Feb. 13, members of the club gathered at Steve Ferrucci's home for a potluck supper and to watch the BC-Georgetown basketball game. After the game, members discussed plans for '96. • Club members are tentatively planning a day of community service, beginning with Mass, in the spring. • In July, we will gather for an Indianapolis Indians baseball game at the new ball park near downtown. • In late August, we will host a Summer Send-Off for area high school students who have been accepted by and decided to attend Boston College. All alumni, friends

and current students of BC will be invited. • Also during the summer, we'll sponsor a night at Symphony on the Prairie at Conner Prairie. Traditionally, this night has been well-attended and very enjoyable. • In the fall, the club will sponsor a golf outing—we hope to begin a tradition of competition with either the BC Club of Cincinnati or the Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis! • Finally, we will gather in the fall at a designated spot for football-watching. • Please watch your mail for details on all of these upcoming events. Any area BC graduate who has not received information about the BC Club of Indiana should contact either Steve Ferrucci at (317) 684-6161 or Kate Ekins at (317) 633-4870.

MARYLAND**Baltimore**

The club enjoyed the BC-Georgetown basketball game on Feb. 24. • The annual Red Sox-Orioles picnic and game will not take place this summer, as the only weekend appearance by the Red Sox is over the July 4 holiday—and all those games are nationally televised! • We look forward to our Freshperson Sendoff in early August. Details will be mailed to club members.

MASSACHUSETTS**Cape Cod**

In the year of Boston's 100th Marathon, it's fitting the club is hitting its stride with prospects of many good years ahead. • We were thrilled to receive—from Fr. Pat Sullivan at the Campion Center in Weston—pictures of the retired Jesuits' Christmas party, where many of the gifts were the result of Henry Welch's ('47) annual party, attended by 135 members, to raise gifts and funds for the Center. Such joy to behold! We thank club members for their generous contributions. • Evelyn and Charlie Maher '51 and Mary and Dick Farley '53 hosted another successful Valentine Brunch at the Hyannis Tara Hotel; the food and entertainment brightened up what had been a gloomy winter for the 76 members who hadn't yet escaped to Florida. • Barbara and John Driscoll '50 organized the annual St. Patrick's Day Party; reservations were heavy! • Mary and Bernie Kelley '36 again hosted our annual Mass and communion breakfast on April 21 at Christ the King Church in Mashpee and the Willowbend CC in Cotuit. • Our spring golf outing, with our Holy Cross friends, was held May 20



SNEAK PREVIEW—Members of the Chicago Club had the opportunity to meet incoming BC president Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ (2nd from left) at their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast. Rev. John J. Piderit, SJ (far right), president of Loyola University of Chicago, invited Fr. Leahy to the event. Also pictured are John J. Lynch '94 and Thomas D. Bransfield '89.

at King's Way Golf Club in Yarmouthport. • Our Grand Annual Meeting will be held June 14 at New Seabury. • We're already receiving inquiries about our express bus service to the BC football games. Vic McInnis '50 will be sending out reservation forms; we urge members to return them quickly. Our bus was oversubscribed last year, and we need to know whether a second bus will be required this fall. • We thank all club members for their excellent support of our programs and encourage any alumni wishing to join to contact Virginia Sullivan, membership, at (508) 428-4317.

MISSOURI

St. Louis

Besides the club's routine activities (the high school book award program and our annual February gathering at Two Nice Guys in Webster Groves to watch the Beanpot), we do have two important upcoming activities to report to our members. • This year, the club will celebrate its 40th anniversary! This makes us among the very oldest in the entire network of BC's regional alumni clubs. Our target date for the actual event is either late summer or early fall. Please keep an eye out for a mailing with a date, place and other related details. • Though "March Madness" is upon us as these notes are prepared, the '96 football season is not that far away. And the Eagles will venture to the Midwest—not once, but twice—for important

games. On Sept. 21, BC will take on the Michigan Wolverines. Ann Arbor is about a 500-mile drive from St. Louis or a quick flight into Detroit. If you ain't never been there, a visit to "the Big House" is one of the great thrills in all of college sport! On Oct. 12, the Eagles will visit the Univ. of Cincinnati Bearcats, a mere 400 miles away. A small block of tickets will be available to club members; anyone interested in tickets for either or both games should contact Peter Maher '72 at (314) 849-4211 by June 30.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

There was a candlelight dinner at the Canterbury Shaker Village in October, and a champagne reception and Nutcracker performance at the Palace Theater in December. • The Wild Rover in Nantucket again provided a lively gathering facility to watch the BC-ND game and the Beanpot hockey tournament. • A St. Patrick's Day celebration featuring Frank Patterson, an Irish tenor performance and a pre-performance "Irish style" reception occurred in early March. • Our annual awards dinner was held on May 3. • Still to come are: a golf outing and sports night on July 22; and a possible summer dinner cruise. • Our special committees continue to sponsor our scholarship award, high school book award, freshmen welcome and home football game ticket program. • The outstanding response by club members to our request for dues has been most rewarding. Thank you!

NEW JERSEY

The club has been very busy this year! • The turnout for the Kick-Off Classic was tremendous; over 500 New Jersey alums were there to cheer on the Eagles—despite the disappointing outcome. • The club has also participated in Christmas in April for the fourth straight year, thanks to the Herculean efforts of Frank Paquin, Joe DeMayo and Mary Breslin. • The third annual golf tournament, organized by Steve Brady, will be held on June 11. • The club is also going into NYC to participate in the off-Broadway hit, "Tony and Tina's Wedding."

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WASHINGTON

Seattle

Our newly-revitalized chapter is nearing its first full year of operation. We've had three successful events and more are in the planning stages. • The first of these was the Freshmen Send-Off, held in August. We had the opportunity to meet with several incoming freshmen (and one senior) from the area, sharing BC stories over dinner and then attending a Mariners-Red Sox baseball game. We intend to repeat the Freshmen Send-Off this summer, and hope many more will join us as we greet our future alumni. • In October we had a BC-ND game-watch, joining with the ND Alumni Club of Western Washington at The Sports Edition in the Sea-Tac Hilton. It's too bad we lost the game—we outnumbered the Notre Dame group! • Again, we lost the Beanpot game to BU, but alumni and friends who joined us at Jersey's on Feb. 5 had a great time reminiscing about all those great hockey games we attended many years ago. The BU Club invited us to join their gathering, so we had a roomful of Bostonians! It wasn't the Fleet Center, but we had a great time! • In April, we initiated our quarterly dining club, "Gathering of Eagles." • In our March newsletter, members had the opportunity to submit a career information survey. In the fall, we'll produce and make available a Career Networking Directory based upon the results. • If you're interested in further club info., or need help moving to the Pacific Northwest, you may contact Tom Lally in Seattle.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee

The club livened up the football season with several meetings at a local Milwaukee establishment. We then thawed out from a typically harsh Wisconsin winter with a Beanpot party at the Harp Irish Pub; several alumni entertained the crowd with old BC hockey stories. Lastly, all state alumni and friends are proud to send to the Heights our new president, Rev. William Leahy, SJ, of Marquette Univ. An April reception in downtown Milwaukee was held to welcome Fr. Leahy to his new community.

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Each time that engineers found a little more damage to an O-ring, without a catastrophe, they loosened their definition of what constituted an acceptable risk. What they had first viewed as deviance came to seem normal. They came to expect O-ring damage.

neers would have known the cold was to blame. Or if all the O-rings had been damaged, they would have known the problem lay in the design. But problems occurred at a range of temperatures—and sporadically.

And, over time, even signals that should have seemed momentous began to feel routine. The engineers regarded damaged O-rings as a serious problem but one that was endemic to the technology. The seriousness itself became routine rather than alarming.

As Larry Wear later told me, “Once you’ve accepted an anomaly or something less than perfect, you know, you’ve given up your virginity. You can’t go back . . . Next time they say, ‘It’s the same problem; it’s just eroded 5 mils more.’ Once you’ve accepted it, where do you draw the line?”

A FAUSTIAN BARGAIN

At the same time that engineers were grappling with design problems, the shuttle program had to fulfill the political purposes that had been a condition of its creation. Early on, NASA had determined that the fourth successful test flight would mark the end of the developmental period. The fourth shuttle landed on July 4, 1982, a date selected for maximum publicity and drama, and President Reagan and NASA declared the shuttle program operational—ready for routine flight. From that point on, the program’s resources had to support an increasingly ambitious launch schedule and could not be lavished on refining the design and running expensive tests.

In April 1983, after the second operational flight, engineers found that hot gases had reached two O-rings. Again, the engineers identified blowholes in the putty as the cause, made corrections and

concluded that the joint was an acceptable risk. These O-rings were in joints whose position made them less susceptible to hot-gas blowby, so the engineers were not unduly worried.

There were no problems on the remaining three flights in 1983, but the 10th flight, in February 1984, shook the engineers’ understanding. For the first time, O-rings in the most vulnerable joints were eroded. Ironically, the engineers’ fine-tuning seemed to have been responsible. Prior to flight, as a routine safety procedure, pressurized air was injected into the joint to check the seal. On that flight engineers had increased the pressure, inadvertently weakening the putty. In postflight analysis they concluded that the risk was acceptable because the erosion was less than the experience base of .053 inches (on the November 1981 flight) and also less than the established safety margin of .090 inches. Moreover, the small amount of erosion convinced them that erosion was a phenomenon limited by the short period of exposure to hot gases, after which the joint would seal again. These three factors—experience base, safety margin and evidence that the problem was self-limiting—became the technical rationale by which subsequent O-ring damage was evaluated. Engineers decided that the erosion caused by the high-pressure leak check was harmless and that they could accept it in exchange for the greater certainty the leak check provided.

Two flights later, in August, Thiokol engineers found soot behind one O-ring—the first proof that hot gases had actually blown by the gasket. Although blowby was new and alarming, it had not affected the backup ring. Also, the amount of soot was small, which reinforced the engineers’ conviction that the problem was self-limiting.

In 1985 seven of the nine shuttles that were launched showed signs of erosion or blowby. On

AN INCREMENTAL DESCENT INTO GOOD JUDGMENT

**How Diane Vaughan came to spend nine years
decoding NASA engineering documents**



Would she do it again? "Absolutely not," Vaughan says. "It was like walking on quicksand."

Diane Vaughan married at age 18 and had her first child at 19. In her 30s, she spotted an empty nest in her future and determined to fill the void, volunteering at a women's prison and taking courses at Ohio State University. When she showed a sociology professor the diary she had kept of her interviews with inmates, he urged her to go on to graduate school.

So began what Vaughan, now an associate professor of sociology at BC, calls "my incremental descent into good judgment," a wordplay on her characterization of the *Challenger* disaster as "an incremental descent into poor judgment." She says this with a wry, gentle, and frankly tired smile. The past year brought her to the nadir of that "descent." Vaughan's book *The Challenger Launch Decision* came out on the 10th anniversary of the disaster, catapulting her into a media maelstrom. The book was favorably reviewed in papers around the world, from the *New York Times Book Review* to the *London Observer*, and it was the subject of an article in the *New Yorker*. Vaughan was interviewed by more than 40 newspapers and on

dozens of talk shows. Describing her life of late, she says simply, "Chaos theory—I live it."

Vaughan took her sociology professor's advice, earning her master's degree at age 36 and her doctorate at 41, both from Ohio State. She wrote her dissertation on fraud in the pharmacy industry. "People were looking at white-collar crime as an individual offense," she says, "but I was interested in the ways organizations actually serve to *promote* deviant behavior—why good people do dirty work. Usually people don't violate rules to pursue their *own* goals but to further organizational goals; they came up with what they saw as a normal and clever solution to a business problem." The same forces that lead to corporate misconduct can lead universities to violate NCAA recruiting rules, she says, or police to violate suspects' rights, or research institutes to falsify data in order to get grant money, or even parents to abuse children. "I went from white-collar crime to this whole spectrum of misconduct," Vaughan says. "I got hooked."

While she was in graduate school, Vaughan and her husband grew apart. "I realized I was married to a corporate capitalist," she says, "and

he realized he was married to a bleeding-heart liberal. We began to embarrass each other." When their youngest child left for college, Vaughan was offered a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale, and she moved to New Haven. "It was a euphoric experience," she says. "I'd never lived alone before. Also, I'd grown up in Ohio, and here I was in an apartment in an old building. I could see Long Island Sound from my window. I had time to think and read. I read *Anna Karenina*. I saw plays." In 1983 the University of Chicago Press published her dissertation.

For her next book, Vaughan decided to take what she'd learned about organizational dysfunction and apply it to a smaller corporate unit—the human couple. Oxford University Press gave her an advance to write *Uncoupling*, and she moved to Boston to take a position as a research associate at Wellesley's Center for Research on Women.

It wasn't until 1984, at age 46, that Vaughan finally landed a teaching job. Yes, she'd had two books published, both well received and from prestigious presses, but overall she was a pretty unmarketable commodity in academia: a middle-aged woman with three degrees from the same midwestern state university. "Boston College was willing to take that risk," she says. She moved to the Heights and began teaching five courses a year. In 1986 she started her third book; it was to be a slim theoretical volume about how data drives analysis, nothing anyone but a sociologist would read for pleasure. One chapter—a short chapter, she figured—would be about the *Challenger*. "The topic was especially seductive," she says, "because investigators had gathered reams of data—the five-volume Presidential Commission report plus 9,000 pages of interviews," all stored in the National Archives. "Investigating corporate misconduct was difficult because nothing was written down, but engineers document *everything*... It was an ethnographer's paradise." She laughs. "I later cursed it, of course."

After a year of research, she concluded that her thesis was all wrong. Her chapter grew into a book and the book ballooned to 575 pages. Plus, she says with a sigh, "I realized that to understand what happened, I'd have to learn the technology. An ethnographer's job is to get inside a culture and to describe it as it feels from within." Two of the whistleblowers, NASA engineer Leon Ray and Thiokol engineer Roger Boisjoly, spent untold hours explaining to her the vagaries of the culture and technology. That, she says, was the fun part. Then, she moans, "I spent years—years—reading engineering documents."

What drew Vaughan to sociology in the first place was people. The prototype of an active listener, she seems to listen even when she's speaking. Hours in the archives, however awe inspiring, proved lonely and dispiriting. Plus, she lost confidence that she would ever understand what had happened at NASA. "My kids thought I was going crazy," Vaughan says. "Everyone I knew thought I was going crazy. I thought I was going crazy."

Finally, last year she handed in her manuscript—past deadline—to the University of Chicago Press, where her editors scurried to ready the book so publication would coincide with the anniversary. And the first week in January her world went wild. The media were obsessed with the *Challenger* story, and Vaughan was the perfect interview: an academic who spoke plain English. Not everyone was enamored of her theory of gradual descent into poor judgment, however. After a grueling taped interview with *60 Minutes*, she was relieved to learn that her comments had been left on the cutting-room floor. "They wanted something more sensational," she says, adding that her daughter and son-in-law, both journalists, "told me, 'Hey, Mom, they just wanted a good story!'" Vaughan groans.

Now, sitting in her spare BC office, Vaughan reflects on the practical worth of this kind of research and its costs. The *Challenger* story is not just about NASA; it's about every organization. The lessons are universally applicable and terrifying, for we all live in the shadow of organizations whose workings we barely comprehend. Still, with all its resources, the Presidential Commission was not able to see how NASA, the organization, created the disaster. Neither could the media. "My story was different because I took nine years to do it," Vaughan says. "No one else had that time. Reporters didn't have time to go to the National Archives. And if I hadn't had tenure, I wouldn't have had the time, the freedom, to keep at it. Even with tenure, I deferred a promotion to write this book."

This spring Vaughan learned that she was one of 160 scholars selected to spend next year at the Institute for Advanced Study near Princeton University. It is that ideal environment for research: a community of scholars convened to think and talk and eat and drink together and then set free to write alone. "It seems not only like heaven," she says, "but a pretty awesome version of heaven." Once there, "I'm going to get back to that slender volume of theory elaboration," she says. "It will be very short."

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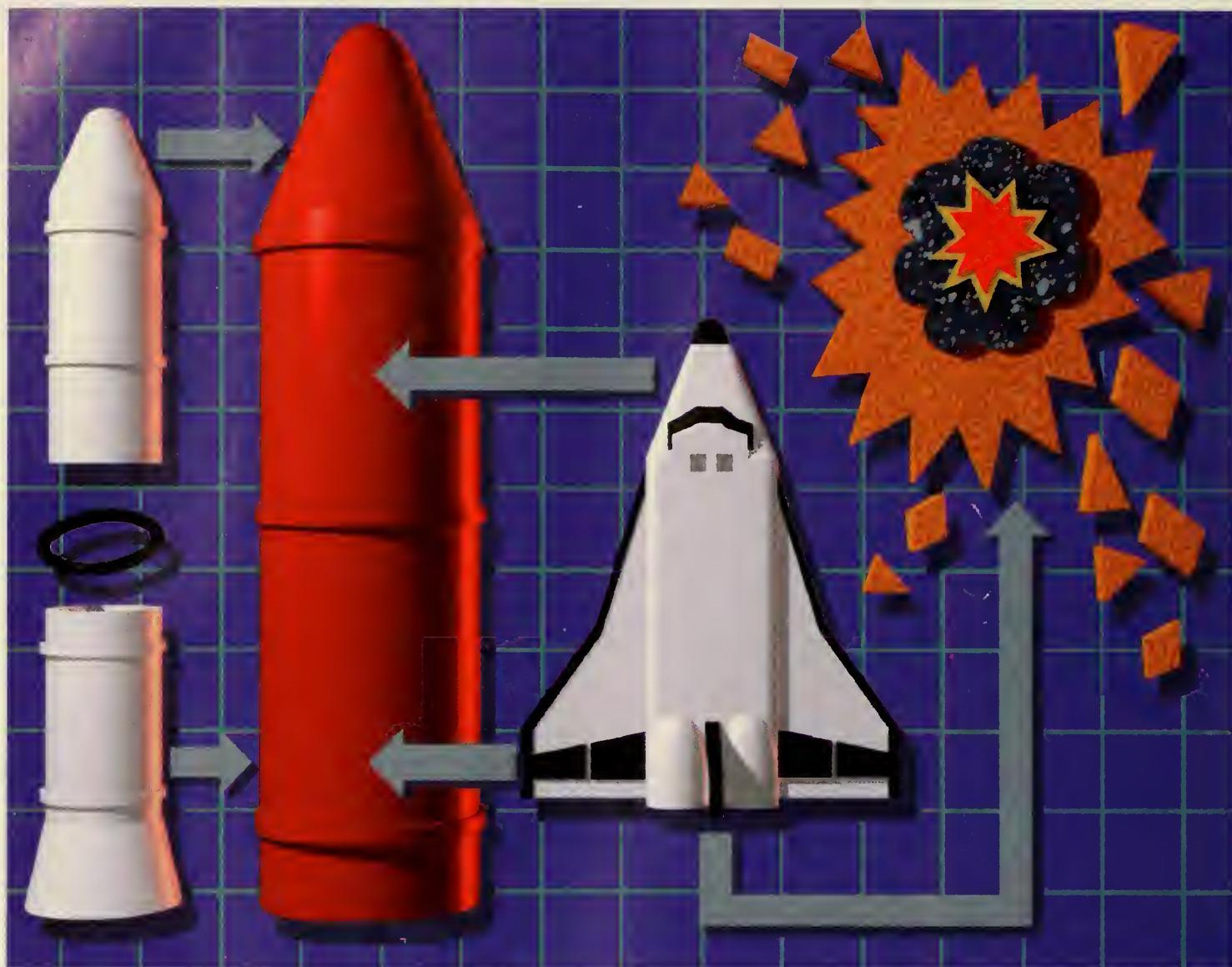
the January 1985 launch—the one Thiokol engineers later referred to in arguing for a 53-degree cutoff—hot gases reached a backup O-ring for the first time. Florida had had record-low temperatures for the three days prior to the launch, down to 18 degrees at night. Again, in postflight analysis, engineers determined acceptable risk based on the three factors: erosion of .038 was less than the experience base and the safety margin, and the primary ring had sealed before gases reached the backup ring. Intuitively, engineers thought the cold might have contributed to the erosion, but they had no data proving a connection. Also, they assumed that a repeat of three days of record cold was statistically improbable—"like a 100-year storm two years in a row," Thiokol engineer Roger Boisjoly later told House investigators. In retrospect, the January 1985 flight looks like an alarm bell, but to the engineers, it was a weak signal; the odds of recurrence were just too slim.

The April 12, 1985, flight, which carried U.S. Senator Jake Garn of Utah as a congressional observer, sustained .068 erosion—greater than the .053 experience base. But the damage did not alarm engineers. The joint wasn't a critical one, plus they had increased the leak-check pressure, so they had expected more erosion.

When Thiokol engineers examined the boosters on the next flight, however, they were horrified to discover that for the first time a primary O-ring had burned so extensively that it had failed to seal and the backup seal had eroded. Again, they found an idiosyncratic cause. A flaw at installation had prevented the primary ring from sealing—a hair or a piece of lint could have been the culprit—and the leak check hadn't detected it. They decided to increase the leak-check pressure on future flights.

Accepting the phenomenon of "burn-through" was a major turning point in terms of accepting more risk, one that gravely concerned many engineers. In July, Roger Boisjoly wrote in a memo to Thiokol vice president Robert Lund (the manager who later cast the only vote against the *Challenger* launch), "... we stand in jeopardy of losing a flight with all the launchpad facilities." To the Presidential Commission, Boisjoly's memo and others, using language such as "catastrophe" and "HELP! ... This is a red flag," gave the impression that despite engineers' efforts to draw attention to the joint problem, NASA and Thiokol had done little.

In fact, NASA was working every angle—short of halting the launch schedule. The agency set up a full-time O-ring task force and insisted that Thiokol



do the same. The agency also approved a redesign in which the joints sealed by the O-rings were machined out of a single piece of steel so that they could not open during rotation. But the potential additional risks of the untested design were still unknown, and implementation was at least 27 months away. Meanwhile, Thiokol engineer Arnold Thompson recommended two near-term solutions: thicker shims and larger-diameter O-rings. Both were implemented.

After the disaster, the Presidential Commission struggled to reconcile the fact that at the same time that engineers were finding O-ring damage acceptable in their postflight analyses and were signing off on launch recommendations throughout the year, they were also writing such strongly worded memos. In their testimonies, the engineers stated that, despite their concerns that the joint wasn't working perfectly, they continued to believe the risk was acceptable based on the technical rationale, the tests backing it up, and flight performance that confirmed that their corrective actions were working. As one Thiokol engineer testified,

"... none of us liked what we saw, but we thought that it was still acceptable."

To investigators, O-ring erosion looked like a problem out of control. To the engineers, analyzing it one launch at a time, the joints were operating as their calculations had predicted.

THE SKY WAS THE LABORATORY

The process by which individuals begin to underestimate risk is common to all organizations, particularly complex organizations. Ironically, NASA, with all its rules and regulations and rigid emphasis on scientific proof, was especially vulnerable. First, within the space agency's organizational culture, production schedules had to be maintained as long as the engineering analysis showed that the technology was working. As long as no quantitative data showed that a flight shouldn't be launched, it had to be launched. It didn't matter that the engineers didn't understand why the shuttle was working the way it was. They couldn't interrupt the

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schedule to perform tests simply to help them understand the technology better.

Second, at NASA problems were normal and expected on every component of the system. The shuttle's reusable design assumed that damaged parts would have to be fixed before the next flight, so engineers expected to find problems after every launch. The monthly report that monitored recurring problems was typically three inches thick. And, even if engineers could have eliminated problems, they could never eliminate risk. The list of components that were not considered fail-safe was staggering: 829 on the entire shuttle system. Of those, 213 were on the booster and 18 on the solid rocket motor—just one of which was the O-rings. Moreover, the shuttle was more complicated than any space vehicle invented. Engineers could run every imaginable test, but they could never anticipate every possible scenario. The sky was the laboratory. For example, the cold alone was not ultimately responsible for the O-ring failure on the *Challenger*. Yes, the O-rings were badly burned, but the charred material sealed well enough to prevent a fire on the launchpad. The final blow was a wind shear that buffeted the craft after liftoff, dislodging the charred material. Had there been no wind shear, the rings might have held for the two minutes until the boosters fell away from the orbiter and its crew.

The third organizational problem was “structural secrecy.” After the disaster, the Presidential Commission reported that middle managers had concealed information from supervisors—with the implication that top administrators might have solved the O-ring problem had they known about

it. But that was erroneous. NASA’s strict reporting rules had been followed to the letter. A video that surfaced after the commission’s hearings showed shuttle-projects manager Lawrence Mulloy fully briefing top-level administrators about the O-rings in 1985. The commission asked Mulloy why he did not, on the eve of the launch, alert his superior to the concerns raised during the teleconference. His answer was that reporting rules, designed to focus and streamline information brought to top-level management, did not require him to. The teleconference resulted in no change in the decision to launch, and it had been resolved at the engineering level. Mulloy had followed the rules. What concealed the seriousness of the O-ring problem was not individual secrecy, but structural secrecy, patterns of information flow that prevented those at the top or in different departments from completely understanding and interpreting situations.

At NASA, for example, the launch-decision process was an adversarial one, based on managers challenging and finding flaws in engineers’ arguments. But the process was limited. Although most managers had engineering backgrounds, they were far removed from the complex technology that the hands-on engineers worked with. They were dependent on the engineers for information.

Structural secrecy also separated managers’ and engineers’ understanding of the risks involved. In its hearings, the commission asked various NASA personnel to estimate the probability of a shuttle failure with loss of human life. Top-level managers gave estimates as low as one in 100,000, while the hands-on engineers gave much higher estimates. One range safety officer said one in 25, based on

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WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

To fully understand the decision to launch, we must view it as one in a chain of decisions. The managers and engineers who participated in the January 27 teleconference brought with them the whole history of decisions to fly with more and more risk. They were all familiar with the engineering analyses used to justify those decisions. They also brought an organizational structure—NASA's hierarchical decision-making and reporting process, which they believed would assure safety—and a culture that demanded accountability for any deviation from the production schedule.

After news of the last-minute teleconference was revealed, many people believed that NASA managers had pressured Thiokol engineers into reversing their position. Thiokol engineers even testified that they had felt pressured. But a closer look reveals a more complex situation. That night, teleconference participants faced several unprecedented situations: First was the record cold. The engineers all knew that rubber loses elasticity when it gets cold, and they feared that the predicted cold might interfere with the O-rings' ability to seal. But they had little data on which to base their hunch. The temperature in the rocket's main engine can reach 6,000 degrees—higher than the boiling point of iron—so testing had focused al-

most exclusively on tolerance of heat.

Second, although teleconferences occurred "before launch every hour of the day and night," as astronaut John Young told House investigators, never before had a formal engineering risk assessment been conducted by teleconference. Normally, launch decisions were face-to-face.

Third, never before had a contractor on the day before a mission recommended against launching. All along, NASA and Thiokol's relationship had



been marked by disagreement, at times heated. Thiokol engineers felt frustrated by a NASA attitude that one engineer characterized as "super-conservative." Roger Boisjoly told the Presidential Commission, "We were always put in a position, and quite frankly in many respects nitpicked, to prove that every little thing that we had was in proper order and had the proper engineering rationale and data to back it up in order to fly." The same was true on the eve of the launch, when NASA managers challenged the engineers to back up their recommendation with data—except this time Thiokol engineers were the ones playing it cautious.

In the hours between the two teleconferences, Thiokol engineers prepared and started faxing 13 engineering charts to the NASA centers in Huntsville and Cape Canaveral. To us looking at the charts after the fact, the data seem a strong warning. However, the same engineers had used some of those same charts to argue for *approving* earlier missions. Now they were reinterpreting the data to argue against a launch.

And the 53-degree cutoff made no sense at all to NASA personnel. The shuttle had been designed to fly year-round. Yet Thiokol engi-

neers were suddenly imposing a serious restriction, based not on technical data, but on a seemingly arbitrary measure from past performance. No one had raised objections before the many launch dates when temperatures had been in the 40s. In fact, Thiokol engineers had raised no objections that very morning. Larry Wear had called *them*.

While production pressure did play a role that night, the cause of the disaster was not managerial wrongdoing, as many people have come to believe. Production pressure influenced all parties. Thiokol engineers set a deadline for the teleconference and scrambled to put together an analysis without first working out its contradictions. Production pressure showed up in the angry voices of NASA managers, who were worrying how they'd justify the recommendation not to launch to their own superiors. "I would've felt naked," Lawrence Mulloy told me. "I couldn't have defended it."

NASA's regimented, bureaucratic culture also played a role. Although the culture was designed to assure safety, managers followed rules to the letter in a circumstance the rules could never have predicted. NASA's norm of fishbowl discussions and adversarial challenges served only to polarize participants, and the traditional insistence on proving arguments with data got in the way of good decision making. An engineer's argument based on intuition and observation should have been enough to



stop or delay the launch, but that's not the way things were done at NASA, and no one thought or dared to proceed differently.

Structural secrecy played its part on the eve of the launch, too. Early in the program, Thiokol design engineers had set a criterion that the temperature at launch time must be between 31 and 99 degrees. But the risk-assessment engineers at the teleconference didn't know that that criterion existed, and NASA engineers didn't know that no one had ever tested a fully assembled booster down to 31 degrees.

Another structural factor that masked important concerns was the teleconference. As many as 34 people were on the phone that night, speaking from Utah, Florida and Alabama. At times the connection wasn't clear, and distractions prevented participants from hearing everything being said. Some engineers remembered feeling silenced by George Hardy's comment that he was appalled, but not everyone remembered that in the next breath he said he "would not recommend against the contractor's objection," and that he later said, "For God's sake, don't let me make a dumb mistake." During the Thiokol caucus, NASA managers assumed the launch was off and were making a list of people who needed to be called; Thiokol personnel never knew that. And when the teleconference resumed and Thiokol managers recommended launching, NASA managers didn't know that some of the engineers still disagreed.

THE MORAL OF THE STORY

Whenever a dramatic, high-technology accident occurs, we demand to know why. We want to assign blame and assure ourselves it shouldn't have happened and won't happen again. When these accidents are investigated, too often the interpretation is "operator error" or wrongdoing by middle managers. The remedy seems clear: replace those responsible. But that is simplistic. It deflects attention from the organizational structure and from executives who made the decisions and created the culture that allowed failure.

By focusing attention on middle managers, the Presidential Commission did not assign enough blame to the White House, to Congress and to top NASA administrators. The White House and Congress established goals and allocated resources in a way that transformed the research-and-development space agency into a quasi-competitive business operation. NASA administrators pro-

mulgated the myth of routine, operational space flight and allowed nonastronauts on shuttle missions. Flying with known risks was official NASA policy long before shuttle flight began. The issue for middle managers and engineers was not whether there were risks but how large they were.

One of the great ironies of the *Challenger* story is that NASA did so many things right. The agency had an excellent system for assuring safety and communication. It had a penchant for rule making, a clear authority structure, formalized processes, military discipline and scientific rigor. It also had open meetings, a matrix system that required people from a wide variety of specializations and work groups to bring their perspectives to risk assessments; and it had decentralized decision making, of which the eve-of-the-launch teleconference was a perfect example.

That such a disaster happened at NASA shows that the potential for mistake is scripted into the best of organizations. Complex organizations and technical systems will inevitably fail some of the time because their parts will interact in ways that cannot be planned for and because of environmental conditions that cannot be foreseen. Mistakes are socially organized and systematically produced. Managerial wrongdoing did not cause the *Challenger* disaster. Conformity did.

The story of the *Challenger* is a story of how people developed patterns that blinded them to the consequences of their actions and of how slight deviations from the usual course gradually became the norm, providing a basis for accepting additional deviations. No rules were violated. There was no intent to do harm. Yet astronauts died. It is a story that illustrates how disastrous consequences can emerge from the banality of organizational life.

What happened at NASA could happen at any organization. It could happen again at NASA. After the booster joints had been rigorously redesigned and the shuttle had begun launching again, Leon Ray told me, "We'll blow another one, but it won't be the solid rocket booster that does it."

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DAMAGE CONTROL

**For this award-winning social worker,
success is a matter of degree**

BY BRUCE MORGAN

In an office furnished with desk, chairs and filing cabinets right out of an institutional catalog, in a bland, modern health clinic in the battered industrial city of Lynn, Massachusetts, sits a ponytailed Latino man named Robert. He looks perfectly presentable—new jeans, neatly trimmed goatee, gentle brown eyes—but his life is a crumbling tenement. Robert is fresh out of prison. At 28 he has never held a job. His English is

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childlike. He has no family nearby. He's broke. He has AIDS. Right now he needs a place to live.

Next to him sits a young social worker, Magnolia Contreras '90. After quizzing Robert in Spanish for five minutes, Contreras (or Maggie, as everyone calls her) swivels in her chair, picks up the telephone handset and punches buttons. "Joe, are any apartments still available over there?" she asks, switching from melodic Spanish to crisp English lightly accented by a Dominican lilt. "If someone doesn't speak very good English, where should he go? Talk to Tony? And does a person need to make an appointment to see Tony, or can the person just walk in, or what?" Contreras makes several more calls; then she hangs up and reverts to rapid-fire Spanish as she relates the information to Robert. He wanly nods his gratitude and departs.

Maggie Contreras is coordinator of HIV and social services for the Lynn Community Health Center, a clinic that serves one-fifth of the impoverished city's 80,000 residents. She's a past president of the board of Lynn Economic Opportunity, a community-action agency that last year dispensed \$5.3 million worth of state and federal funds. Last spring the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers selected Contreras, 27, from among 3,700 of her fellow workers as the Employee of the Year.

TALKING TURKEY

Felicia, an indigent 29-year-old, was suffering from an advanced case of breast cancer when Contreras located a specialist in Rhode Island for her last year. Felicia subsequently moved to Providence to be near her family; today's visit to the

health center is her first since the surgery and the subsequent rounds of chemotherapy.

In she comes: a short, stocky woman with dark hair, clad in jeans and a black leather jacket, carrying a plastic handbag. Felicia has three children and is pregnant with a fourth. Seated at a small round wooden table with Contreras, she wears an expression more blank than stricken. Her face seems to say: Well, what next?

Contreras pulls up her chair so that the two women's knees are almost touching. "Mmm-mmm," she says, leaning forward and studying Felicia's features intently as her client describes the surgery, speaking in Spanish.

Suddenly, Contreras breaks into a snatch of English: "They took it all out? Everything?"

Felicia, also in English: "It will be OK, I hope."

Contreras, appraisingly: "You look good."

Then back they dive into their native tongue.

Felicia is suffering from fevers, coughing fits and vomiting, all side effects of the cancer and its aggressive treatment. Her husband has a drug habit. Her three kids are in turmoil over their mother's illness, and they're all squeezed into a tiny apartment. Financially, the family is barely scraping by. Contreras offers a tactful dose of sympathy.

"What are you going to do for Thanksgiving?" she asks. "You gonna cook?" Felicia nods. Contreras grabs the telephone and dials a Lynn soup kitchen called My Brother's Table. "Hey, Walt, it's Maggie," she says brightly into the handset. "Is anybody there who can help me line up a turkey for a client?" When Contreras reports success, Felicia shrugs off the news. Trudging out of the room, she mutters in Spanish, "Well, something is something."

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After Felicia leaves, Contreras begins the practical work of finagling resources on her client's behalf. "A bad thing about her apartment is that she has to pay for her heat, and that can run as high as \$1,500 for the winter," Contreras explains. "We may be able to get her heat paid for."

Later in the month Contreras will attempt to pull together an application for charity Christmas toys for Felicia's kids. Immediately, the social worker will hit snags. Felicia's chart will be sketchy, and off the top of her head Contreras won't be able to remember all of the kids' names, ages and sizes.

Felicia can't afford a telephone, so calling her in Providence is impossible. The children have two different fathers, and there is no cross-reference between them on the computer.

"LYNN-AH"

Although born in the Dominican Republic, Contreras has lived in Lynn, north of Boston, since her family moved to the United States when she was nine. In local parlance, she's a "Lynn-ah."

A manufacturing city that became the center of American shoemaking in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Lynn got its second wind in the 20th century with the growth of the nation's second-largest General Electric plant. "Birthplace of America's First Jet Engine," boasts a sign by one of the buildings. Contreras' father, who had taught high-school math in the Dominican Republic, landed a job as a machinist at GE, where he still works. Contreras lives at home with her parents and her younger sister, and that home is a powerful presence in her life. Pressed to describe the effect her job has had on her personally, she cites a greater appreciation for life's spiritual blessings and instinctively paints a familial scene—"You know, coming home, my mother, dad and sister all being there, everybody talking and laughing."

Contreras' connection to the Lynn Health Center dates back to her high-school years, when she started working there part-time as a receptionist and Spanish translator. Her attraction to this kind of work seems to have an uncomplicated, nearly genetic basis. Back in the Dominican Republic, it's said, her mother's family was famous for its generosity. "Growing up, we'd always hear my mom say, 'When there was the hurricane, we used to help everyone,'" recounts Maggie's sister, Rosanna Contreras '91, who directs the Upward Bound program, which prepares local teens, some of them the children of Maggie's clients, for community-college admission.

Stewart Palmer, Maggie's boyfriend of several years, accompanied her family on a Christmas trip to the island in 1994 and felt the powerful tribal empathy, too. "Everyone was looking out for me, looking after my needs—it was overwhelming," he says. Maggie also recalls a story from that same visit: one day she noticed a procession of men entering her grandmother's house in the mid-afternoon. They headed straight for the kitchen. She learned that they were single men from the

neighborhood who knew that Maggie's grandmother made coffee every day at three and that they were welcome to partake.

Maggie joined the Lynn mental-health department as a bilingual and bicultural secretary while still studying psychology at BC. It was then that Elizabeth Babcock, the center's executive director, pushed up for a slot on the community-action agency's volunteer board of directors. "I didn't think there were any other people her age on that board," says Babcock. "She was board president one year later. This was a multimillion-dollar agency, and here was Maggie running the thing while she was working here at the center and also going to college."

After graduating from BC, Contreras took a full-time position at the center, then did social work for two years in Boston. Returning to the Lynn Center in 1993, she saw real poverty in her hometown for the first time. "I'm not talking about having only one car or cutting back on food," she says. "I'm talking about not having any money at all for food, not being able to make rent payments or buy clothes. I go crazy when I go out to the front desk on a day like today—20 degrees—and see how people are dressed, a lot of the time in summer slippers and light jackets."

The defense cutbacks that shook the New England economy in the 1980s devastated Lynn. General Electric, the backbone of the town's economy, followed the downward spiral of military spending right into the ground. "The company's almost entirely military; it might be 3 percent commercial. So you're stuck—you're making a product nobody wants," says Michael Bonislawski, a 46-year-old former GE machinist and union activist who's now working on a doctorate in history at BC.

GE employed 12,000 people as recently as 1980, but over the past 15 years the company has pared its ranks by more than two-thirds. The big layoffs struck in 1986 and 1987, with as many as 2,200 jobs cut at a single blow. What happened to those displaced workers? "They went to the street," Bonislawski says with a shrug. "They became hamburg flippers."

Signs of GE's downturn are everywhere in Lynn. Once-proud Victorian houses surrounding the town common are dilapidated now. Between 1990 and 1992 the average house value in Lynn dropped from \$125,000 to \$87,000. Sixteen percent of Lynn's families live below the poverty line, compared with 9 percent statewide. And a plague of drug use has led to a disproportionately high rate of AIDS.

All those statistics hit home at the health center,

which is Lynn's largest provider of primary outpatient care. Last year two-thirds of the center's patients were living in poverty. Most of Contreras' 42 regular clients are HIV positive.

A PATCH OF LUCK

Lisa—sometime prostitute, sometime drug addict, full-time alcoholic—has hit a patch of luck. Not long ago she was homeless; now she's got a hotel room in nearby Salem. "I'm doing good up there," she reports loudly. "Doing good money-wise. And I'm out walking *every day*. I like that. I want to get to know Salem." Lisa, 25, has shaggy dark hair framing a haggard face. Her speech is slurred. A Lynn native, she has been frequenting the center since she was six years old, seeking help for everything from parental abuse to criminal assault.

Contreras is watching her client's eyes closely. "Do you have a kitchen?" she asks.

"No, couldn't afford that," Lisa says. "But I'm doing pretty good. I like it. They give me clean towels every day. They vacuum. I did have to ask for sheets one time. I was drinking, and I spilled a beer. I went to set it down, and I had a pain in my hand, and it spilled." One of Lisa's fingers is permanently cramped. According to Contreras, Lisa's arm became paralyzed after she injected contaminated heroin last year. Lisa prefers to describe her

injury as the result of a stroke.

"Are you still drinking a lot?" Contreras asks.

"No," says Lisa. "Sometimes I might just have a casual drink. But not regular."

"You know," says Contreras lightly, "I don't really think those two words go together for you: 'casual' and 'drink.'" The two women share a laugh. But that's it—no lecture. That wouldn't work with Lisa, Contreras explains later. "The instant I go [wagging a finger], 'Now, Lisa, you know you shouldn't do that,' she's gone, and she won't be back for six months. Her goal is to *reduce* her drinking. If I told her to quit drinking, that would go right past her."

"So how are you doing when you run out of money?" Contreras continues.

Lisa mumbles a reply.

"Are you walking the street?"

"No."

"How much are you getting from SSI?"

"I don't know. I've gotta go down there and find out."

"My worry," says Contreras, "is that you're not eating as healthy as you should be." She encourages Lisa to get a hot plate or a small refrigerator.

After Lisa leaves, Contreras reviews the impediments in the case. "People here at the center don't like her," she begins, "because she's drunk, she never comes to her doctor appointments and she's violent." In addition, Lisa is a chronic liar. Her reputation is so bad that no landlord in Lynn will

Daily, clients stream through Contreras' office, reflecting the poverty that has devastated Lynn. For many of these men and women AIDS is just one problem in a string of crises too numerous to catalogue and too tangled to unravel.



rent her a room.

Later this winter Contreras will devote considerable time, an hour or two every day for three weeks, trying to get Lisa into a residential substance-abuse program. Contreras will succeed. Then, on the same day that she receives a letter from Lisa saying things are going great—"I really love the people here, hugs and kisses"—the program administrators will call to report that Lisa has dropped out of the program despite staff protests. "I just had to laugh," says the beleaguered social worker.

Contreras is exasperated but not quite fed up. "She just can't put it together within herself enough to make a difference," Maggie laments. The odds on seeing any substantial gains in Lisa's life are small. "I hope that she'll have a warm place to stay," says Contreras, "and that she's safe."

What does Lisa get out of her visits to the center? "She comes here and she doesn't have to do anything," Contreras responds. "She doesn't have to pull down her pants. She can tell me what she's doing—tell me anything—and I will listen."

Contreras takes a quick breath and glances down at her appointment book. Next up is Sophia, who has AIDS and is depressed because her husband is taking a trip with her young children and may not return before she dies. How can she say good-bye to her kids? Contreras will help her by listening hard and sharing bites of a bagel and praising Sophia's little boy extravagantly when he toddles over to deposit a scrap of paper in the wastebasket.

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As they talk, an intercom voice in the background methodically chants: "Maggie, please call the operator . . . Maggie, please call the operator."

BEYOND POLITICS

Maggie Contreras is not quick to hug or easily given to tears. She stays cool while her clients are confiding, usually in a faint, matter-of-fact tone of voice, their latest horrific news. "She is able to walk the line between having compassion and having a professional relationship with her clients," observes her boss, Elizabeth Bahcock. "They are not easy people to care for. You want to help them when they are not necessarily interested in helping themselves."

Contreras admits, though, that she broods about



Contreras has little taste for political struggle.

“Honestly, I feel removed from all that,” she says. “I can’t tolerate the politics of things—and when it comes to HIV there’s so much of it. I hope there’s someone else in the world who’s fighting the political battle. I just don’t have the energy.”

these people long after they leave her office. “If I ever get to the point where I’m not being affected by them, I’ll quit, because then I’m just shuffling paper.” Sitting in her office after Felicia left, Contreras shook her head, contemplating the pain her client must have endured in the months after her surgery and chemotherapy. “She was going through hell, but when I asked her today why she didn’t call me, she said, ‘I didn’t have a phone.’ Didn’t have a phone, couldn’t call me,” Contreras repeated resignedly. For a moment she looked bruised.

Do her clients’ lives get better? Not in the usual sense. There are so many interlocking crises—cold apartments, hunger, eviction threats, abusive boyfriends, jail time, alcoholism, cancer, HIV—that any one solution is instantly swamped by additional troubles. “In another setting, you might see that climb to betterness, but here it’s so raw and so complex,” Contreras says, her voice trailing off. “To get out of this poverty thing, that’s rough.”

The problems seem so intractable, in fact, that it’s difficult to find social workers willing to face the continual vexation that goes with the caseworker’s job. “The economic system is just so rigid,” says Elaine Pinderhughes, an adjunct lecturer in BC’s Graduate School of Social Work. “If there are no jobs, and there is no chance for clients to make a better life, what can a social worker do? Just put a Band-Aid on the situation. You know that nothing you do is going to change the system. And so you do the work, trying to change something in these peoples’ lives.”

Frontline caseworkers such as Contreras must

cultivate a peculiar balance of intimacy with clients and psychic retreat from their woes. “There has to be enough distance for you as a social worker to maintain your own emotional health,” says Pinderhughes. “Otherwise, you will burn right out.” This inherent strain, she says, is one reason many of her students choose not to work with the destitute or the seriously ill but to become psychotherapists and help the “worried well.”

For Contreras, that’s not an option. She is too much a Lynn-ah, too closely attached to the community from which she comes, too rooted in the personal altruism that seems to run in her clan. Her plan is to enter graduate school in social work at Simmons College next September and pick up some administrative skills to balance her clinical acumen. “I need a break from the world,” she says simply. The MSW program will take two years.

“My preference is to do frontline work,” Contreras explains. “I *love* that. But I have to augment that with something where I can get quicker results. One of my fears is that my raw talent and raw love for the raw work will get diluted in graduate school,” she says. But for now, graduate school offers a way “to look at the work from a different angle and see the big picture.”

However germane political struggle might be to her work, Contreras has little taste for it. “Honestly, I feel removed from all that,” she says with a sigh. “I can’t tolerate the politics of things—and when it comes to HIV, there’s *so much* of it. I hope there’s someone else in the world who’s fighting the political battle. I just don’t have the energy.”

In the social-work trade, personal energy must be doled out sparingly. One day this winter, Contreras ventured downstairs to the health center’s basement conference room to attend a lunchtime meeting of a group of AIDS activists from Boston’s North Shore. The discussion was heated, and degenerated rapidly into one man’s pique at not having been properly apprised of some minor decision or other. Had someone left a message on his machine? When was the message left?

As the accusations and finger pointing dragged on, Maggie Contreras stood small and nearly invisible in the back row of the audience, watching silently. For her, the real work waited upstairs, one client at a time.

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HEARTSTRINGS

*There's an outer music that we hear
and an inner music that rules us*

BY CLARE DUNSFORD

My first revelation that day at the concert was the audience. I had expected a communal fest of toe tapping and clapping, but I had forgotten what I knew about Irish reserve. During nearly three-and-a-half hours of music, the audience at BC's Gaelic Roots Festival last September sat stiffly at attention in a fierce quiet of concentration that was broken only at intervals by abrupt whoops and enthusiastic applause. A few rows in front of me, one woman's head and shoulders danced, but the people around me sat motionless, their bodies betraying their pleasure only by a palpable

tautness. It was all I could do to keep my own body from moving to the music, from violating the mysterious protocol.

On stage, Irish step dancers performed a fine, schizophrenic choreography, a perfect symbol of Irish emotional repression: the lower half of the body in a ferment of movement, the upper half willfully ignoring what the lower half was doing. The Scottish Highland style of dance, demonstrated by a local dancer, was also shaped around a stiff upper body and an agitated lower body, but the Scots had allowed a little more play than the Irish. The dancer's arms could rise into the air in a balletic oval, and her legs could swing from side to side like a pendulum, not just up and down and out to the front, as in step dancing. When the dancer clicked her heels in the air in a series of sideways leaps, I suddenly remembered my father the way my sister had captured him in a photograph a few years back. Dressed in a white shirt and a tie and awaiting his installation as president of the National Academy of Labor Arbitrators, he leaped in the air and kicked his heels, arms akimbo like a sailor's. He defied the gravity of the occasion with a sudden gesture that may have been unexpected at that moment but was definitely not out of character.

My favorite memory of my father is set in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where my family lived while my father attended Harvard Law School. Dad was in his early thirties, and I was a first grader. My memory is of a rare moment alone together, one of those times when I felt the privilege of being firstborn. On that freezing winter day my mother, little brother and newborn sister were confined indoors. Dad and I had walked to Mass together and had stopped for a newspaper and doughnuts on our way home. The sun was blinkingly bright, and the pavement gray with old snow. Without warning, my father grabbed my hand, and before I knew it, we were running down the sidewalk as fast as we could in our heavy, bumping

winter coats. The sheer uncalled-for joy of the icy air in my lungs will stay with me forever. I ran because my father ran, no questions asked. He ran because he felt the urge to, because whimsical outbursts of exuberance often guided the family trajectory. Even into her eighties, his mother, my grandmother Bumbie, would kick up her heels or do a little jig. Life in my family seemed always to be just ready to burst from under the surface.

But that didn't preclude a mighty effort to control that life. Other family pictures: my father fiercely commanding my 11-year-old sister to swallow her sobs at our maternal grandmother's fu-

neral, to keep a stiff upper lip for my mother's sake; Bumbie telling me proudly that she had never said the words "I love you" to her husband. Not that she *didn't* love him, mind you, but that she didn't tell him so. No need to make a spectacle of yourself. I guess you could say I didn't have Bumbie's romantic continence. Another family vignette comes to mind: an afternoon in my stormy adolescence when my mother found me weeping uncontrollably, at sea in the turbulent feelings that first love can churn up. I was

crying so hard that I began to laugh hysterically. Appalled and frightened, my mother became angry, urgently shushing my wails and insisting that I get a grip on myself. Finally, as dramatic in her way as I was in mine, she threw me a rosary, the strongest lifeline she could think of, a net cast over my heaving shoulders.

Accordionist Johnny Leary had come to the United States from Dublin for the first time for the BC festival. As he performed, he repeatedly rolled his eyes up to heaven, like a saint in a Renaissance painting; all the while his fingers furiously manipulated the buttons of his accordion. In fact, all the musicians seemed to have one foot in heaven and one on earth. The fiddlers, the banjo players, the flutists and the pipers played a high-spirited dance of flourishes and peals that rose



from the head and arms in notes so clean you could almost see them. Meanwhile, a relentless beat in the music, its earthy sediment, fell to the bottom and was pressed out in their feet. My eyes kept returning to the feet under the chairs, tapping, tapping, tapping: work boots, black slip-ons, sneakers, thick-soled Mary Janes. It was a world that pounded in an orderly parallel universe to the chaotic merriment above.

Later in the program a fiddler from Appalachia performed his rendition of traditional Irish tunes, as well as some American favorites. This Southern American playing was subtly different in style from the Irish and the Scottish. It felt more relaxed, less cerebral somehow, with the easy swing of a do-si-do. Yet I missed the tension of the Irish style, its “terrible beauty.” Always, in the home where I grew up, the line between laughter and tears vibrated like a clothesline in the wind. We were happily high strung and a little off balance—a hint of rage beneath the funniest joke, the swift slide into sentimentality in an everyday happy moment, bathos threatening to embarrass the lot of us had not self-deprecation won the day.

Many years ago, when I had to choose the subject of my doctoral dissertation, I was acutely aware that this was my first public, professional aesthetic declaration, as revealing as one’s choice of spouse. In fact, when I finally decided on the Victorian poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, I felt that I was embarking on a marriage of sorts, for I would have to live with this man for years and attempt to understand him. Only recently have I understood how instinctive my choice was. I chose my academic partner with my heart as much as with my head. In Hopkins I found my familiar rack and strain supported, as I had always known it to be, by a dazzling presence of joy—a life of sweet, sharp sorrow that I knew from the inside out.

Hopkins’ aesthetic pronouncements were saturated with a moral consciousness of the danger of broken boundaries. He observed a quirky vigilance over his Petrarchan sonnets, insisting that the first eight lines never lapse into the next six, that there be a clean, unmistakable break of sound and of meaning between the two sections to prevent what he called the sonnet’s “hernia.” Sometimes the poems take on a hysterical tone, the trembling voice of a sentimental priest—Hopkins was a Jesuit—who can barely contain his emotions. But most of the time the poet holds the line: opposites are poised in a dynamic suspension both elegant and compressed. What always made me crazy with

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delight was the way the rollicking, firecracker, asymmetrical beauty of his art was shored up with intricate pattern and steely control.

Similarly, I was fascinated by the way ecstasy in the Gaelic music was choreographed with particularity. The reels were all climax and no denouement, moments of ecstasy suspended breathlessly long. Yet no matter how fast and how long the melody, the musicians didn’t elide the individual notes. The banjo and the guitar and the harp picked out each note as a discriminating speaker might enunciate his words. When the bow was brought across the fiddle strings, it did not glide so much as pluck. Even as the concertina and the accordion players drew out the bellows with an elongated ache, they fastidiously picked out the notes on their instruments’ keyboards. The melodies I heard were like Irish lace, spun of a fretted and fancy intricacy. They were at once delicate and strong, refined and homespun, treasures to be handed down but handled every day.

Hearing this Gaelic music years after I had discovered Hopkins, I found myself falling in love again. As he wrote:

These things, these things were here and but the
 beholder Wanting; which two when they once meet,
 The heart rears wings bold and bolder
 And hurls for him, O half curls earth for him off
 under his feet.

A high-kicking step dancer, a Highland fling, heels in the air, arms pinned down, eyes cast up, feet on the ground—the body speaks its inner rhythms. My father taking a little extra skip as he walks across a room, my grandmother jingling her keys and jiggling her whiskey sour, my foot swinging nervously back and forth as I sit: all of us letting off the charges that cannot remain inside, hearing an inner music that makes our blood dance.

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48 HOURS

**Sometimes you have to get outside your life to see in.
Observations from a weekend retreat with BC freshmen**

BY CHARLOTTE BRUCE HARVEY

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At 9 p.m. on the Friday before Thanksgiving, 70 BC freshmen, eight upperclassmen and four chaplains gathered in a Cape Cod hotel conference room. They stood on a dizzying field of wall-to-wall carpet, beneath mammoth chandeliers. Straight-backed chairs had been pushed to the sides of the room, stacked on top of one another. The students were there for a weekend retreat called 48 Hours, to think and talk about their lives before college, their lives at college and the lives they dreamed of living after college. They filled out name tags, and the air was heavy with anxiety and the smell of Magic Marker. Introducing themselves to one another, the students fidgeted with their baseball caps or stared down at their sneakers.

A few young men approached the program's director, Boston College Chaplain Anthony Penna, CSS, with a problem: three students had been assigned to each room, but there were just two

double beds. Cots were available, Fr. Penna said, but they'd run \$15 apiece, a cost that hadn't been budgeted. If you need a cot, get one, he told the students, but please don't if you can do without. The men turned away looking nervous—very nervous.

The bed crisis dealt with, Penna, an energetic man with the demeanor of a high-school basketball coach, navigated his way to the middle of the thicket of blue-jeaned legs; "Sup?" he asked the freshmen, grinning. "When I got to BC five years ago, people would say, 'What's up?' You know, pronouncing both words. But now, it's been shortened to 'Sup.'" Penna then launched into a practiced riff, playacting a dialogue between students meeting on the Dust Bowl—a flurry of "Sups?" Then he held back a beat to get the group's full attention. "I think you can 'Sup yourself into anonymity," he declared.

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Anxiety attack:
70 freshmen, most
of them strangers,
mingle as they
arrive at a Cape
Cod resort Friday
night.

From its start three years ago, 48 Hours has aimed to help freshmen free themselves from the anonymous power of the crowd to dictate taste, style and habit. The idea for the program came from University Chaplain Richard T. Cleary, SJ, but the zeal has come from Penna, who joined the chaplaincy in 1991. He signed up 100 students in 1993-94, then 300 in 1994-95, and 450 last fall. More sessions are taking place this spring. To attend, each student pays \$75; the University picks up the rest of the tab. "We'd love to get all 2,200 freshmen going, but that's unrealistic," Fr. Cleary says. "If we could get one-third participating in a couple of years, I'd be happy."

To break the ice Friday night, seniors Tim Mason and Heather Schofield gathered the freshmen into a big circle for a variation on musical chairs. When someone called out a question—"Have you ever walked a dog?"—everyone who had walked a dog scrambled to grab a seat on the opposite side of the room. The last person standing had to call out the next question. "Have you ever been out of the country?" brought a melee. And nearly everyone at BC, it seemed, has been to a concert in New Jersey. But when someone called out "...bungee jumped?" a lone woman slunk to the center of the circle. She shrugged sheepishly as everyone laughed.

Once the freshmen had loosened up a bit, Mason and Schofield took center stage to raise some

of the issues that would dominate the next two days' discussions. They talked about their respective transitions to college life, about coming upon unexpected freedom and eventually figuring out what to do with it.

As midnight drew near, the chaplains announced that pizzas had arrived. Students cheered and scrambled to their feet.

A single, empty pizza box stood open in the hall on Saturday morning; breakfast was steam-table scrambled eggs, greasy bacon, lots of coffee. A middle-aged chaplain scanned the fare and made it known that he would have preferred fruit and cereal, with skim milk. The freshmen, however, made no protest. Their minds were on other things. Taking his seat, one young man wearing his baseball cap backward joked that this was the first Saturday morning since September that he hadn't woken up with a hangover. Others at his table nodded and laughed knowingly. No one, it turned out, asked for a cot the night before. The women didn't mind sharing beds, and the men worked out their own decorous solution: one guy in each room slept on the floor.

The day's agenda was organized around more talks by upperclassmen, interleaved with small-group discussions and presentations by the chaplains about such matters as Ignatian spirituality and

**Ice-breaking: to cut
the tension, older
students lead
games, sending the
freshmen racing
around the room
like 10-year-olds.**



opportunities for voluntarism, both on and off campus. The older students' talks were remarkably personal, almost confessional revelations of their struggles to make a home at BC. Still, each was also a parable, an object lesson in how to make the most out of college, how to rebound from an unhappy freshman year, how to learn from another's mistakes.

Annabell Pérez took on a killer of a course load freshman year: biology, chemistry and calculus. She did poorly, she said, and felt "ashamed, embarrassed to go home and face my father." Sophomore year, she took only one science course and discovered teaching, a profession she'd never considered because it didn't pay well compared with other careers. She loved it, however, and changed her major. She also became a resident assistant. Junior year, she said, was a happy blur of rewarding commitments and friendships.

Derek Smith, a high-school athlete accustomed to success, was stunned by BC's academic standards and isolated by his job driving a campus catering truck. One day he jumped a curb with the truck and ended up on his back "in a sea of chocolate pudding." He quit and took another job in a University office where he was in contact with more people. "I've gotten to learn about everything going on on campus," he said.

Beth Eilers, too, was well known in high school, but the Minnesota native felt lost having to explain herself at BC. Homesick, she partied with other Minnesotan students, drinking hard three or four nights a week. She tried to transfer, but her grades "didn't cut it," she said. So she returned to BC and began interviewing applicants for the admission office. She started volunteering with children with AIDS. And she discovered women's rugby. Her final words were almost a 48 Hours credo: "I realize now that you can have an impact on the University and not just let it have an impact on you."

Now a junior, Becky Cacciato was bulimic her freshman year. "I'd step on the scale five times a day," she said. "It was a concrete measurement of how I was doing." She attended one of the first 48 Hours retreats and there heard a senior describe a similar struggle with an eating disorder. "Afterward I went up and thanked her. She sat me down that night and we talked." Since that time, Cacciato said, she's gotten involved in "tons of activities," has quit smoking, begun exercising and split up with a boyfriend who used to get her attention by calling out, "Hey, Heavy."

Jim Shoukas is big guy and a former heavy drinker. One night he and his friends made what

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they call an ice luge: they cut a groove in a 50-pound block of ice, then channeled shots of vodka through it. Shoukas drank three shots for every one his friends drank, until he blacked out. Later that night he assaulted a campus police officer. "I woke up in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 7 a.m. with an IV in my arm and three cops and about 50 doctors looking down at me," Shoukas said. "They told me my weight was the only thing that saved me." Saddled with a police record, Shoukas said he feared no medical school would accept him.

It's hard to gauge the impact of these presentations. Freshmen surrounded Eilers afterward, eager for information about volunteering. Several shook their heads at Cacciato's courage. Shoukas clearly hit home. As he spoke, freshmen laughed nervously, including the young man who had quipped at breakfast about this being his first hangover-free Saturday since school began.

On Saturday evening after dinner, students broke into small groups to draw posters depicting the BC culture. The images on the posters were consistent from group to group: eagles, footballs, shamrocks, Newton-campus buses, crosses representing the Church. In every single one, a beer can or keg was prominent.

One of the first things BC students learn is "to line up and do homage to the keg," says Fr. Penna later. It's a ritual, a rite of passage. "All this drinking—it's not just about fun. This is how a lot of students participate in the community. It's how they belong." He wants to get freshmen to rethink that ritual, to find alternatives that are healthier, more satisfying, more genuine. Some of the older students, he observes, have lost a lot to alcohol, and his hope is that freshmen will learn not only from

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cautionary tales such as Shoukas' but also from the positive examples of Eilers, Pérez and Smith. "I don't want to tell students how to be," Penna says. "I want to show them what's possible."

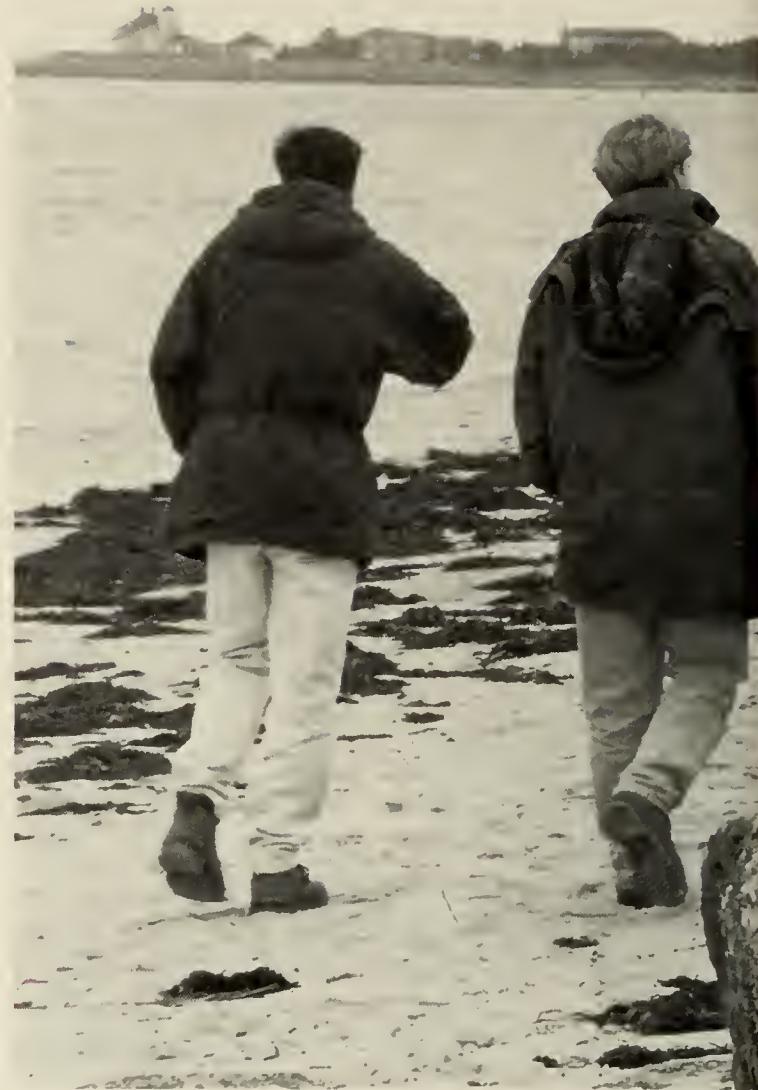
After Shoukas's presentation two freshmen, both women, stood in the hotel lobby and talked about the campus drinking scene. "I hate it," one said. The other nodded. They want to meet guys. They don't even mind drinking. But they don't like getting drunk or being around others who are drunk. "I want to get to know people," one of the women said. "You can't do that drunk." She said she was thinking of transferring to a school where there was less emphasis on beer. The two women introduced themselves and talked shyly about their dorms, classes, mutual acquaintances and friends.

Later that night the freshmen finally got their chance to stand up and speak in front of the group. The chaplains tacked a roll of paper horizontally along the wall and drew on it a continuum ranging from "Totally Out of It" to "In Control." They invited students to say where they fell on the continuum. The first few speakers positioned themselves cautiously toward the right, the plus side. "I've found the greatest friends already," effused a woman named Kim. "It's no big change," said a guy named Brian. "I'm used to cheap beer."

Then a freshman named Mike melodramatically slammed into the wall and bounced off it, his glasses cockeyed and limbs hanging limp. If he'd been a cartoon, he'd have had stars circling his head. "I'm totally out of control," he said. "My GPA is not where it should be. I wanted to go to law school. I'm clueless. What should I do?"

Everyone laughed. He was probably the most honest speaker of the night.

Late that evening, the chaplains put New Age music on a tape deck, and students sprawled languidly on the carpet for journal writing. They ar-



ranged themselves like the spokes of a wheel, their heads toward candles in the center of each circle. Pencils scratched softly. Such is the press and urgency of college life, that for many this was the first time since their arrival at BC that they had taken time to reflect on who they were, where they were going and how they planned to get there.

More writing on Sunday morning. After breakfast the chaplains asked students to describe on paper what they would like their experience at BC to be like and to list steps to make that goal accessible—and obstacles they anticipated. "Like a roommate who doesn't want to study," suggested Chaplain Melissa Kelly. "Or Sega," said Fr. Penna to knowing chuckles. The room felt relaxed and loose, with luggage piled high in one corner and bodies strewn across the floor.

"People ask me if students are going to Mass," says Fr. Cleary, who has caught flak from some who feel that 48 Hours should be more overtly religious. "Well, I ask: Are these students ready for Mass? We start with the human—with the building of human community." Of nine students who attended an Ignatian retreat that Cleary led recently, seven had attended 48 Hours, he says.

"Originally we wanted to make this a more explicitly religious program," Penna says, "but we decided not to. I like to say there's a real spirituality



to it even though there's not a lot of God talk." That, he says, is down the road. "Our purpose here is to start a conversation that they can pick up later—we hope, a spiritual one." A follow-up program to 48 Hours, called Encore, is in the planning and will be more directly religious.

"BC students are talented," Penna says, "but they use their talents sporadically. They have a great sense of entitlement and high expectations of others—campus police, food services, the faculty—but they don't always apply those same expectations to themselves."

One of the final events in 48 Hours is a Sunday morning Covenant Walk. The freshmen were assigned to groups of four or five, and everyone dispersed—most groups heading down the beach to walk and talk about their plans for the remainder of the year and to make arrangements for regular small-group meetings. The Covenant Walk—Penna's term—was suggested by John Dacey of the School of Education, whose research has shown that students are more likely to make changes in their lives if they share their intentions with others.

It was a poignant scene, all those heads bent forward in earnest-looking conversations—so different from the anxious tittering of Friday night. After a while the groups dissolved and then converged for a game of touch football with the upper-classmen. Despite 40-degree temperatures, students



shed sneakers and sweaters with abandon, many playing in shorts. Inevitably, three freshmen took the plunge and shattered the soft pewter surface of Buzzards Bay. In seconds they roared back out, hollering and grinning and stomping as they shook the cold water from their clothes. They paused for a ceremonial photo or two and a round of applause from the other students and chaplains gathered on the beach. Then they raced back to the hotel to change.

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Comfort: Sunday, students walk the beach in small groups, talking about their plans for the future.



ADVANCEMENT



Ar Zon Amzer Nevez (A Song to Spring), 1897, by Walter Chetwood-Aiken; oil on canvas.

EYE OF THE COLLECTOR

Brian Burns brings his discoveries to the BC Museum of Art

The Burns show shatters the illusion that Ireland's contribution to the arts has been only literary.

It was purely by chance that the young lawyer Brian Burns began collecting Irish art in the early 1960s. "Frankly, I couldn't afford van Goghs," he says, lowering his voice confidentially. What he could afford was to travel regularly to Ireland, his grandfather's homeland, and on one of those visits he met an art dealer named Willie Dillon in a shop on Molesworth Street in Dublin.

That encounter was the first in series of visits that would become a private tutorial in mid-19th-to-mid-20th-century Irish painting. Over the next four years Burns traveled to Molesworth Street repeatedly, learning first that there was such a thing as Irish painting, and second that it was a rich and complex tradition. Those early trips "were like opening a door to a magic warehouse," recalls Burns, who went on to amass

one of the world's finest private collections of Irish art.

To share that sense of discovery, Burns loaned 49 of his paintings to the Boston College Museum of Art, where they were displayed from January 26 through May 19.

One of the first major U.S. exhibitions exclusively devoted to Irish art, the Burns show shatters the illusion that Ireland's contribution to the arts has been only literary. It's an illusion that needed some shattering, says Irish Studies co-director Adele Dalsimer, who jointly curated the show with Vera Kreilkamp, a professor of Irish literature at nearby Pine Manor College.

Ireland's poets may have inadvertently played a part in the devaluation of Irish painting. "The very success of Irish literature in the cultural marketplace

fostered the lingering misperception of Ireland as a country without a tradition of visual art—or, more pointedly, as a nation without a visual imagination," Kreilkamp writes in the show's catalog.

Even Burns, who came from a family keenly appreciative of Irish culture, began with no awareness of Ireland's visual arts. "My father [John J. Burns, whose name is attached to the library housing BC's Special Collections] was an avid student of Irish history and culture, but I don't recall his ever speaking much of Irish art or visual history," Brian Burns says.

Burns started by collecting paintings of the hard, sad lives of Irish peasants—scenes of the west of Ireland and its inhabitants by such artists as James Brenan and Sean Keating. Then he began to add works that captured other faces

of Ireland. *The State Ballroom in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle*, by F.J. Davis, shows elegantly clad members of the Anglo-Irish colonial establishment at a ball in the late 1840s. What the painting does not show is that outside the castle's opulent walls, the Great Famine was starving one million Irish farmers. "Only the viewer who insists on remembering what Davis omits, the viewer who can register absences as well as presences, will comprehend the implications of the painting," write Dalsimer and Kreilkamp in the catalog.

About 1990, Burns began to broaden his collection further, this time purchasing paintings of non-Irish scenes by Irish artists. Walter Chetwood-Aiken's *Ar Zon Amzer Nevez (A Song to Spring)* is a lush canvas of Breton women in a spring orchard. A postimpressionist, Chetwood-Aiken studied in France under Henri Matisse, and his painting shows Irish painters shifting their focus away from narrowly Irish themes. That shift, Dalsimer notes, reflects a shift in Ireland's consciousness, away from introspection and toward a concern with "Ireland's contemporary role in a larger European community."

Finally, in the works by Jack B. Yeats, Ireland's foremost 20th-century painter and the brother of William Butler Yeats, the Burns collection captures the paradox of modern Ireland's national identity. Yeats' paintings seem to ask, "Are we a modern European nation, or are we a thing unto itself, with these strong cultural traditions rooted in the past?" Dalsimer says. "Jack Yeats seems so much in touch with the conventions of European art, but his subjects are very traditional, full of that regional localism that the 19th-century painters dwelt upon."

The Burns collection mirrors a radically changing Ireland, Dalsimer says, from the inward-gazing imperial colony of the mid-1800s to the independent



*The Tenant,
Castle Rackrent,
by Erskine
Nicol; oil on
canvas.*

state just starting to grapple with its place in the world in the mid-1900s. Brian Burns says he did not set out to build the collection that way, "but on an emotional

level, I felt it was important to represent Ireland's visual art as broadly as possible. My eye," he says, "got bigger and bigger." ●

STAR SEARCH

The School of Nursing received its first endowed professorship this winter with a \$1-million gift from Lelia Holden Carroll, the widow of former trustee Wallace Carroll '28, who committed \$10 million to the University in 1989. The Carroll School of Management was named after him in 1990.

The School of Nursing will conduct a national search to fill the Lelia Holden Carroll Professorship, says Dean Barbara Munro. The position will not be restricted to a specific area of nursing research, and Munro hopes to attract a prominent scholar whose work will strengthen the school's reputation. "This will give us a carrot to go after the very best people in the field," Munro says, "who will in turn attract top doctoral students and faculty."

Lelia Carroll is a former nurse and longtime BC supporter, who graduated from the Morton Hospital School of Nursing in Providence in the 1920s. Three of the Carrolls' four children attended Boston College, and their granddaughter, Deirdre Carroll, graduated from SON in 1995.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Supermarket king Patrick E. Roche '51, and his wife, Barbara, have given \$1 million to establish the Patrick E. and Barbara Roche Endowed Scholarship Fund at BC. The fund will provide financial assistance to students from communities where Roche Brothers stores are located, with preference given to store employees and their children.

GOOD SPORTS

Twenty BC alumni and friends were invited to support the new Student Sports Center project at an April 19 reception hosted by Athletic Director Chet Gladchuk. The evening featured an unveiling of plans for the facility and a discussion of its effect on BC's educational mission. A renewed societal commitment to physical fitness makes the project important, said Gladchuk.

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Q & A



Stay of execution

WHY MASSACHUSETTS HAS NO DEATH PENALTY

Governor William Weld wants to reinstate capital punishment, but BC historian Alan Rogers argues that it has never been compatible with the Commonwealth's culture. An interview by John Ombelets

What was the rationale for instituting capital punishment in Massachusetts in the first place?

The Puritans' goal in New England was to create a godly commonwealth, a "city upon a hill." They believed that it was necessary to control sinners and, if necessary, to weed out the worst—to rid society of those who behaved contrary to God's rules. That was the reasoning that led to the institution of capital punishment in the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

At the same time, however, the Puritans were committed to safeguarding individual rights. From the outset, Massachusetts criminal procedure prohibited legal action by the state against an individual without "lawful judgment of his peers," and English law stated that no one should be put to death without "due process of law." The fledgling colony also allowed persons on trial for their life to be represented by attorneys. Finally, because the colony's judges believed that they were God's chosen deputies, they argued that they should be allowed a measure of discretionary justice to apply mercy and wisdom when sentencing convicted murderers. The colony's first governor, John Winthrop, for example, told the legislature that the Bible showed that God varied the punishment for murder according to the circumstances. But the legislature disagreed; it saw the discretionary power of judges as a threat to the people's liberties. Therefore, a code of laws was adopted in 1648 fixing the penalty for murder. After that date only juries—and, much later, prosecutors—had the power to bend the law.

Weren't executions once used as opportunities to instruct would-be sinners?

Yes. When a 17th-century judge sentenced a murderer to death, the judge believed that the execution would show the community how short and slippery

the path was between a person's first trivial sin and murder. Often execution sermons were given prior to hangings to make just that point, and preachers emphasized that the first step toward becoming a murderer was disobeying your parents. Also the condemned were encouraged to recite a litany of their wrongdoing as a warning to others.

The death penalty was on the books in Massachusetts for 300 years. That longevity would seem to indicate popular support for capital punishment. Was that the case?

During the roughly three centuries of legal capital punishment in the state, there were three distinct grassroots movements to stop it.

In the early 19th century, reformers began arguing that public hangings brutalized the people who watched them and, instead of deterring crimes, actually caused them. For that reason, Massachusetts moved executions behind prison walls in the 1830s.

In this environment a Unitarian clergyman named Charles Spear began the first concerted effort to stop capital punishment in the Commonwealth. His work resulted in a kind of a legislation by the people. Between 1835 and 1849 Massachusetts jurors refused to find defendants guilty of murder.

Jurors would bring in a verdict of manslaughter, or they'd listen sympathetically to a plea of insanity, or they'd find reasonable doubt to acquit a defendant. But for the most part they would not sentence people to death. Anticipating this obstacle, prosecutors became quick to plea-bargain, to settle on a charge of manslaughter. On the few occasions when a jury did find someone guilty of murder, Spear's group lobbied the governor to commute the sentence to life in prison.

This reluctance to convict ended in 1850, when an African-American sailor named Washington Goode was found guilty of murder and was hanged. Racial bias accomplished what no prosecutor had been able to accomplish for 14 years.

The second movement began in the 1890s, and numerous attempts were made in the legislature to abolish capital punishment, several of which came close to passage. The Anti-Death Penalty League enlisted a number of political, religious and educational leaders, including Cardinal William O'Connell, Boston College President W.G. Read Mullan, SJ, and Attorney General Hosea Knowlton. Knowlton argued that capital punishment should be abolished because juries would be more likely to convict if they didn't have to bear the burden of condemning someone to death. This movement ended around 1914, on the eve of World War I.

Then in 1927 a Brookline woman named Sarah Ehrmann, whose husband was one of the lawyers defending Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, founded the Massachusetts Council against the Death Penalty. She ran that group single-handedly, writing legislators, attending every judicial-committee hearing on the death penalty and trying to influence a succession of governors. Ehrmann's opposition to the death penalty was based on an argument that came out of the Sacco and Vanzetti case: that the judicial process was flawed because murder trials could be corrupted by community biases, by ethnic or racial bigotry. And, of course, that argument remains powerful today. Opponents of the death penalty point to the disproportionate number of African Americans and Latinos sitting on death rows.

Sarah Ehrmann's efforts resulted in the cessation of executions in the Commonwealth after 1947. After that date people convicted of first-degree murder sat on death row, but there were no executions.

In 1975 the Supreme Judicial Court ruled in *Commonwealth v. O'Neal* that the death penalty was unconstitutional because it violated fundamental rights guaranteed by the Massachusetts Constitution. The court also threw out an attempt by the legislature in 1982 to reenact capital punishment.

The court said the death penalty violated fundamental constitutional rights. Which rights were those?

The defense attorney in *Commonwealth v. O'Neal* argued that the mandatory death penalty violated the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment, but the court's actual decision took a different tack. A majority of the justices found that the right to life is fundamental and that, therefore, in order to sentence someone to death, the state must demonstrate first that it had a compelling interest in violating this right and second that the legislature had chosen the least restrictive means of realizing that goal. In short, the prosecution had to convince the court that capital punishment was a better deterrent than life imprisonment.

When *O'Neal* was reargued in 1975, the Supreme Judicial Court concluded that the Commonwealth had not offered an adequate justification for retaining the mandatory death penalty. SJC Chief Justice Joseph Tauro found that the death penalty violated both the due process and the cruel-and-unusual punishment clauses of the Massachusetts Constitution.

You've talked about the legal and practical arguments for and against capital punishment. How were the moral and religious debates framed?

The Puritans believed that the law and the public ritual of hanging would help create a better community, but they knew it wasn't possible to prevent people from committing murders. Fundamentally they believed that all men and women were sinners and that, therefore, the best that could be hoped for was that people would restrain their natural human penchant for sinfulness, curb their passions and use their imperfect ability to reason in order to lead decent lives.

In the heady aftermath of the American Revolution, however, Americans came close to embracing the idea of perfection. Freed from the grip of a corrupt monarchy, the colonists be-

lieved that antisocial behavior would disappear in the new republic.

In the 1830s movement, the Puritans' moral argument became mixed with the Enlightenment message that we need only recognize our imperfections in order to reform them.

The turn-of-the-century movement to abolish capital punishment, however, was predominantly pragmatic—based on Hosea Knowlton's view that convictions would be easier to obtain without the death penalty.

What about the notion of capital punishment purely as retribution—an eye for an eye?

Throughout the debate there has been a thread of vengeance that I don't think can be separated from capital punishment. The concept of death penalty as retribution is certainly prevalent now, and I think that is simply because the fear of violence is so great. Today's murders aren't any different from murders in the past, but the fear that violence could happen to you or me is greater now.

One thing that became very clear in my research is this: capital punishment has never stopped murders from occurring in Massachusetts. These days the newspapers are filled with reports of brutal murders, and reading those, you can easily get caught up in the gory details. But in my research I learned quickly that every kind of gruesome murder that we might think is uniquely characteristic of our own day had already been committed decades, even centuries ago. It might be helpful if that fact were more widely known. People want to believe that capital punishment is going to stop crime—that if only we could execute people faster and more efficiently, we would deter potential murderers. But when you look at the historical record, you see that's not true. The death penalty was in force for 300 years in this state, and people still killed each other in the same horrible ways, under the same bizarre sets of circumstances.

In your writings on this subject, it appears that people from the upper classes were rarely executed. Does social class determine who is accused or convicted of capital crimes?

That argument has not been articulated since the 18th century, since the birth of republicanism, but certainly it's there. Fear of being a victim of random violence leads naturally to a fear of people from the lower economic classes and to the stereotyping of them as crime prone and dangerous. In that sense, there is an implied belief that capital punishment in particular and tougher laws in general will restore the hierarchy to protect what the upper and middle classes would call the orderly society. Americans don't like to acknowledge class or pecking order, but certainly they are there. Laws are meant to reinforce that kind of a structure. In summation speeches to juries, prosecutors frequently cite the need to send a signal that law and order will be maintained. They are saying that if we don't punish this person, others will run amok and will bring down the structure of society. So that theme is alive and well in 20th-century courtrooms.

Most of the original 13 colonies had some provision for capital punishment. How was Massachusetts different?

Massachusetts was alone in saying that the defendant in a capital case could have a lawyer. Most of the other colonies took their cue from English jurisprudence, which granted a defendant the right to a lawyer when being tried for a misdemeanor but not for a capital case. It was not until the late 19th century that English courts allowed lawyers to represent people accused of capital crimes.

The 1648 act put capital punishment into writing, but it did something much more: it also codified basic rights of due process for all defendants, including those accused of capital crimes. Those procedural rights and other guarantees of due process

took the rough edges off the Massachusetts legal system. Historically, even prosecutors have insisted that those rights be respected.

You argue that the legal culture in Massachusetts is incompatible with capital punishment. Why?

Foremost, the way Massachusetts jurisprudence has over time moved away from capital punishment. By 1888 the courts had already recognized exceptions to the law of murder: women were rarely if ever found guilty of murder; the courts made exceptions for insane people, for feeble-minded people, and for people under the influence of drink.

There has been an evolution toward a more mature, more civilized, more humanitarian society, and Massachusetts courts have recognized this. Thus, the decision in *Commonwealth v. O'Neal* was not an aberration—a thing of the moment, as Governor Weld might suggest—but rather the culmination of a long period of historical gestation.

From my perspective, Massachusetts has a civilized legal culture that has long been at odds with the death penalty. What my research might add to this debate is the suggestion that historically and culturally the state's legal system has evolved beyond capital punishment. After all, we are one of only a tiny number of states where the death penalty is not currently on the books.

Reading news accounts of 18th- and 19th-century murders, you sense that those horrible crimes were seen as a reflection on all of us, as blemishes on the body politic—indications that some kind of societywide soul searching was needed. That reaction is characteristic of Americans, and it is especially characteristic of the people of Massachusetts. There is a consensus that we are responsible, we are a community, we are a commonwealth. All those ideas and ideals have played into the Massachusetts mind, have helped shape the common consciousness. That same collective rejection of violence applies, I think, to our rejection of the death penalty. ■

Gilt trip

GILDER
ALEXANDRA HADIK '80



Not long ago Alexandra Hadik accompanied a friend to an exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. After the two had walked around the gallery for a while, Hadik felt a tap on the shoulder. "You're suppose to look at the paintings, too," her friend said.

For Hadik, obsessing about picture frames is an occupational hazard. A self-described "incorrigible perfectionist," she is one of perhaps a dozen New Englanders trained to restore and gild wooden frames. She can't fathom why a museum would spend thousands to have a painting cleaned, only to return it to the wall in a decrepit frame.

Hadik majored in art history at BC, then moved to London, where she studied art conservation for a year at Sotheby's. She spent two years in Florence learning marquetry, finishes and carving techniques at an Old World-style trade school and followed that with a stint in Baltimore at a studio specializing in gold-leaf conservation.

Now 37, she has settled on Cape Cod, where she works in a compact studio with two cats, one large table, abundant light, tiny boxes of gold leaf ("Ornery stuff," she says; "you can't pick it up, it's so thin."), jars of squirrel-hair brushes and all the patience in the world. Her clients include private collectors, antiques dealers and museum curators. In addition to picture frames, she gilds mirrors, clocks—even a pair of rooftop crosses sent from a church in St. Louis.

"I have a passion for mended objects," Hadik says. "The other day a friend and I found an early-18th-century fireplace shovel with the most gorgeous mend. I do the same thing, but I make the mending invisible."

Bruce Morgan

GARY GILBERT

VOUTÉ HALL



Shaw Leadership Program participants (clockwise from left) Lisa Amrienna '98, Dean Bell '98, Brian O'Brien '98, Kerry Niedermeier '97, and Michael O'Brien '97

TAKE PRIDE

BUILDING SPIRIT

Many BC students want more than a-bed-and-desk-in-a-room when it comes to residential life. The Shaw Leadership Program, which provides leadership training and promotes public service on and off campus, offers that extra dimension. Like those pictured above, students selected for the program live and work in a dormitory community and so strengthen their bonds with one another and with the world beyond the campus gates.

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